

WEATHER FORECASTS
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m., Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT
Pantages—Vaudeville.
Dominion—Mabel Normand.
Royal—Elsie Ferguson.
Columbia—Ethel Clayton.
Variety—Charles Ray.

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GERMANS ARE PAYING COLOSSAL PRICE FOR THEIR GAINS

HAIG'S ARMIES ARE CONFIDENT OF OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE AND KEEP ORGANIZED SYSTEM AT ITS BEST

Patrol Encounters Along Italian Line Reported by Rome

HAIG'S TROOPS RETIRE IN GOOD ORDER WEST OF ST. QUENTIN, BUT POSITIONS TO NORTH ARE HELD

Reuter Correspondent Tells of Scenes of Prodigious Activity Behind British Lines in France, Saying Quiet Confidence Everywhere Evident

London, March 23.—"The scenes of activity behind the British lines baffle description, but everywhere there is the same well-ordered organization and quiet confidence," wires the Reuter correspondent at British Headquarters in France.

"The weather is wonderfully fine, although the visibility is handicapped by local mists."

London, March 23.—"I found everyone I saw pretty confident," says the correspondent of The London Daily Mail at British Headquarters in France, describing his observations behind and in the British line now under attack by the Germans in France. "At first they did have a hard job to meet the masses of Germans who came on in denser formation than ever before, yet all reports show that they fought magnificently."

FRENCH WILL ATTACK NEW GERMAN GUNS WHICH ARE SHELLING CITY OF PARIS

Paris, March 23.—The Germans have been firing on Paris with long range guns.

Since eight o'clock this morning shells of 240-millimetres have been reaching the capital and suburbs at intervals of a quarter of an hour, killing about ten persons and wounding about fifteen. The shortest distance from Paris to the front is over 100 kilometres (sixty-two miles).

The announcement that Paris was being bombarded was made officially this afternoon. Measures for counter-attacking the enemy's cannon are under execution.

Paris had been under bombardment for about eight hours at the time the foregoing dispatch was filed, 4:15 p. m.

The special announcement that Paris is being bombarded must remain unexplained until further details have been received. The statement in the dispatch that the shortest distance from Paris to the front is over 100 kilometres indicates that there has been no breach in the battle line above Paris such as would permit the bringing of guns to within what has been previously regarded as the extreme range of heavy pieces. Unless the Germans have some new invention no such range as sixty miles is conceivable. The most powerful guns in action heretofore have been able to hurl their projectiles only twenty miles or thereabouts.

The calibre of the shells reaching Paris, 240-millimetres, is equivalent to about nine and a half inches. The heavy German siege pieces fire seven-inch shells.

Bombs Dropped in Paris Last Night by German Aeroplanes

Paris, March 23.—An official statement issued here to-day says several German aeroplanes attacked Paris last night, dropping a number of bombs. There were some casualties.

The following official statement was issued at 8:20 o'clock this morning:

"A few aeroplanes, flying at a very high altitude, succeeded in crossing the lines and attacking Paris. They were immediately pursued by aviators of this entrenched camp of Paris as well as by those at the front."

"The dropping of bombs at several points has been reported. There are several victims. A later announcement will give further details."

GERMAN PAPERS SAY THIS IS LAST EFFORT GERMANY WILL MAKE

London, March 23.—Comment in the German press on the new offensive in France as summarized by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph is to the effect that the present battles are the final and decisive exertion of strength on the part of the German people before peace comes.

The newspapers say Germany need hold on only a short time and that victory will be obtained.

Much attention is being paid also to the Italian front.

GERMANS SLAUGHTERED IN MASSES BY AVIATORS AND TROOPS OF BRITISH ARMY

London, March 23.—The Reuter correspondent at British Headquarters in France wires:

"The most intense fighting appears to have been around Roisel and Trinecourt. The slaughter in the enemy ranks was appalling."

"Twelve times every available British gun in that area was concentrated on solid massed bodies of the enemy troops, while the air-men grew weary with emptying their machine gun drums and dropping their bombs into the dense gray crowds of troops and returning for more ammunition."

BRITISH, WATCHING THEIR ARMIES, LOOK FOR END OF WAR AFTER ENEMY FAILS

London, March 23.—The attention of all the whole United Kingdom was centred to-day on the Western front. There was no boastfulness, but the feeling was one of supreme confidence and pride in the army which stands on the first line of defence between democracy and autocracy.

The newspapers warn the people against undue optimism, but they point out that the fighting instinct still lives in the British breast notwithstanding the long years of peace and ignorance of military training, and that when that fighting instinct dies the world will see the death of the British nation.

Since it has developed that this is indeed the great heralded German offensive, the most colossal struggle in the world's history, the public and press are unanimously of the opinion that its failure will mean the end of the war. The London Times says Germany evidently is resolved to stake all her chances on the Western front and adds:

"She has committed herself to the greatest gamble in history. We believe she will fail, and it is precisely because the failure of the present attack must react disastrously upon Germany that we derive encouragement from the military position as it is disclosed to-day."

The Morning Post cautions the nation to "keep a cool head and allow no plausible argumentation upon scanty facts to persuade it to premature conclusions."

The German offensive, which is disclosed to-day, is the most serious in the hands of the French, the War Office announced this afternoon in the following communication:

"An intermittent bombardment of considerable violence was carried out against front lines and positions in the rear north of the Chemin-des-Dames, in the region of Rheims, and in Lorraine. An enemy raid east of Lorraine was without success."

Wilhelm Commands Germans in Their Offensive in West

London, March 23.—To-day's German official announcement received here states that Kaiser Wilhelm is in command of the German forces on the Western front.

This announcement is regarded as further evidence that the Kaiser has staked his all on the offensive, hoping to win and go down in history as the victor in this great and decisive world conflict.

Dispatches from Amsterdam picture the Kaiser at Spa, Belgium, which is being kept isolated for a radius of fifteen kilometres. The German Crown Prince, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. von Ludendorff and other prominent Germans also are reported to be with him.

TEUTON-ROUMANIAN ARMISTICE EXTENDED, BERLIN SAYS TO-DAY

Berlin, March 23.—To-day's official communication states that because of the delay in the formation of a new Rumanian Cabinet the armistice has been extended for three days.

A Berlin dispatch on Wednesday announced that the armistice with Rumania had been extended until March 22 at midnight. The foregoing message indicates that the newly-extended armistice, therefore, will expire at midnight on March 23.

French Forces Were Said to be Sharing in Great Struggle

London, March 23.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France states that throughout the night the battleground extended southward and it was reported this morning that the French army was now engaged.

Germans Could Not Retain Footing in Mory, Below Arras

London, March 23.—German troops forced their way into Mory, but a dash-ing counter-attack drove them out, Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France telegraphs. A large party was surrounded and probably was captured.

Mory is on the northern battlefield fifteen miles below Arras. It is about four miles back of the line held by the British before the Germans began their offensive.

Roumania Reported Seeking Alliance With the Teutons

Amsterdam, March 23.—Newspapers state that the new Rumanian Premier, Alexander Marghiloman, is striving for an alliance between Roumania and the Central Powers. This idea is being discussed sympathetically in the Vienna press, says a dispatch from that city.

Some in Rotterdam Urging Holland to Break With States

London, March 23.—A report that influential interests at Rotterdam have commenced an agitation to have the Dutch Government requested to break off relations with the United States because of the requisitioning of Dutch merchantmen is contained in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch received from Copenhagen, which quotes The Copenhagen Politiken's Rotterdam correspondent.

ALLIES' POINT OF JUNCTION ATTACKED BY GERMAN FORCES

London, March 23.—A letter to The Daily Dispatch, which is understood to have access to sources of information not generally available to the press, says: "It is in the region of St. Quentin and southwest of that city that the enemy advance is most serious. It is there also that he is making his biggest effort, presumably because the junction of the British and French armies is in that neighborhood."

WRITERS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE FULL SCENE ON FRONT IN FRANCE

British Headquarters in France, March 23.—The operations caused by the German offensive are so vast and are changing with such kaleidoscopic rapidity as the lines surge backward and forward that it is impossible to visualize the scene sufficiently to give a connected and accurate account of it at present.

GERMAN TRANSPORT SUNK IN BALTIC BUT MEN RESCUED

Stockholm, March 23.—Another German transport has been blown up by a mine near the Aland Islands at the same place where the transport Hindenburg was sunk. The Dagblad reports. The transport Frankland came up and rescued the men from the transport, but was damaged severely by another explosion.

Commander-in-Chief Reports Withdrawal From Defensive System in St. Quentin Region; Forces Are Fighting Stubbornly; German Official Statement

London, March 23.—Field-Marshal Haig reported to-day:

"Heavy fighting continued until a late hour last night on the whole battlefield. During the afternoon powerful enemy attacks, delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery, broke through our defensive systems west of St. Quentin."

"Our troops on this part of the battlefield are falling back in good order across the devastated area to prepared positions farther west."

"Our troops on the northern part of the battlefield are holding their positions."

"Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress."

British Army Headquarters in France, March 23, 11 a. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British, fighting gallantly, still are presenting a solid front to the fiercely attacking Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons.

For the first time in the war on the Western front since the opposing armies established themselves in their trench system a defensive zone has been broken through. In other great attacks the British, French and German have been able to bend back the line, but not to strike through the defence. Many military critics had reached the opinion that on account of the strength of the lines it would be impossible to break them until one side or the other had been worn down to such a point that it would be no longer able to man them strongly.

Unless the British are able to restore the position by a counter-attack a withdrawal on a wide front may be necessary, with open field warfare.

The point at which the British line has been broken is near the southern end of the German attacking front, which extends from Arras to La Fere, fifteen miles below St. Quentin. Below this sector is the great arc in the front where the line, approaching nearest to Paris, turns sharply to the east.

The German offensive has developed with almost unprecedented rapidity. One reason for this is indicated in Field-Marshal Haig's report, which shows that the Germans are constantly bringing up fresh troops.

Near Hermies.

London, March 23.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France states that the Germans this morning were pressing hard the British forces defending Hermies (about two and a half miles back of the old line in the region southwest of Cambrai.)

Increasing Violence.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 23.—All day yesterday and much of last night the conflict on the British front continued to rage with increasing violence as fresh German divisions were hurled into the fray in an attempt to smash through the British defences.

German Statement.

Berlin, March 23.—Between Fontaine-Croisilles and Moeuvres German forces penetrated into the second enemy position and captured two villages, army headquarters here announced to-day. British counter-attacks failed. So far the statement announces 25,000 prisoners, 400 guns and 300 machine guns have been taken.

The two villages taken on the Fontaine-Croisilles front are Vaux-Vraucourt and Moeuvres. (The former village is about 3½ miles and the latter about ½ miles behind the former British front.)

Between Gonnelleu and the Omignon stream, the statement says, the first two enemy positions were penetrated and the heights west of Gonnelleu, Haudicourt and Villers-Faucou were captured.

Across Heights.

Between the Omignon stream and the Somme, after the capture of first enemy positions, German troops made their way through Holnon Wood and fought across the heights of Savy and Rouppe, penetrating into the third hostile position.

South of the Somme German troops broke through the hostile lines, adds the statement, and in an uninterrupted forward movement drove the enemy over the Crozat Canal toward the west.

The announcement says the Germans are standing before the third enemy position. It reports that the British evacuated their position in the bend south of the Somme, and were pursued by the Germans through Denicourt, Flequieres and Ribecourt.

A crossing over the Oise west of La Fere (twelve miles south of St. Quentin) was forced by Jaeger battalions, it is announced.

"The captures so far reported by the army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht are 15,000 prisoners and 250 guns; by the army group of the German Crown Prince, 10,000 prisoners, 150 guns and 300 machine guns."

"Artillery battles continue between the Lys and La Bassée Canal, on both sides of Rheims, before Verdun and in Lorraine."

Austrian Statement.

Vienna, March 23.—The War Office here announces that a great success has been won in the West.

Correspondent With British Reports That Estimate; Twenty-Five in Reserve

London, March 23.—The Reuter correspondent at British Headquarters in France states there is reason to believe fifty German divisions are flowing into the struggle on the British front, and that probably half as many more are in close reserve. Under the tremendous onslaught the British troops are falling back very slowly and in excellent order. At many places they are withdrawing voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front, the correspondent says.

Stubborn Defence.

London, March 23.—The correspondent of The London Daily Mail at British Headquarters in France, dealing with the operations of the Germans near St. Quentin, says:

"South of St. Quentin one of our divisions had to bear up against the repeated assaults of no fewer than six German divisions, possibly 90,000 men, and only when the assaults ceased with darkness did our troops withdraw to strong positions behind the canal systems between St. Quentin and the Oise."

"It is estimated that altogether nearly 600,000 Germans participated in the offensive. The enemy fought well and his gunners did good service. The quickness with which the guns were brought forward into No Man's Land after the infantry had advanced was marked. In many places he had the advantage over us in positions and at all points he was largely superior in numbers."

British Press Confident.

London, March 23.—Confidence that the Allied line, though it may bend, will not break, was expressed by the morning newspapers here, which were unanimously hopeful of the outcome of the desperate fighting between the British and Germans. The papers dwell on the accuracy of the British intelligence service in divining the enemy's intentions and in foreseeing the points and time of attack.

The battles on the Western front are only beginning and the newspapers think that the assault on the Cambrai front, which probably was chosen because the undulating land in this region usually recovers from the effects of winter some weeks earlier than the land elsewhere on the Franco-Belgian front, may not represent the main and ultimate feature of the enemy's offensive. It is felt there may yet be a sudden attack elsewhere, but there is no doubt of the ability of the British troops to hold the enemy, just as they barred the road to Ypres.

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**MORE CANADIAN TROOPS
ARRIVE IN ENGLAND**

Ottawa, March 23.—It is announced through the Chief Press Censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England:

Lord Strathcona Horse, cavalry draft; 34th Fort Garry Horse, cavalry draft; Royal Canadian Dragoons, cavalry draft; Machine Gun Corps, draft; engineers; Central Ontario Regiment;

**ASQUITH EXPECTS
IRISH SETTLEMENT**

Refuses to Believe Statesmen
Are So Poor They
Will Fail

London, March 23.—"These are critical moments in the fortunes of Ireland," said Mr. Asquith in an address here yesterday. "We hear disquieting reports, but the one thing most urgent, not only in the interests of Britain, Ireland and the British Empire, but in the interests of the Allied cause and the future of the world, is reconciliation in Ireland."

"I refuse to believe that at this supreme moment British and Irish statesmanship is so bankrupt that it can not find an honorable solution."

Still Liberal Leader.

Mr. Asquith made it plain he does not consider that Mr. Lloyd George succeeded him in the leadership of the Liberal party. He was addressing a gathering of Liberals at Derby, in which constituency Mr. Asquith's son, Raymond Asquith, was a candidate for the House of Commons when he was killed in action on September 15, 1917.

"I have not resigned from that position, and I am not aware that I have been deposed. Until the time when my natural faculties desert me, of which event I will, no doubt, receive timely warning from my candid friends, I have no intention of relinquishing the leadership of the party."

TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

Quebec, March 23.—Hon. J. E. Caron, Quebec Minister of Agriculture, has added a new service to his Department, which will be known as the "increased food production branch."

One of the principal items in the programme is to increase by 500,000 acres the area devoted to cereal crops in the province, such as wheat, barley, oats, rye and that of beans and peas.

**CASUALTIES AMONG
CANADIAN SOLDIERS**

Ottawa, March 23.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. W. Anderson, New Westminster; Capt. J. Slaght, M. C. England.

Accidentally Killed—Lieut. C. D. Sinclair, Kenmore, Ont.

Wounded—Lieut. G. B. Burt, England; Lieut. S. H. Kerr, Franklin, Man.

Missing—Lieut. E. Heath, Wallaceburg, Ont.

Gassed—Lieut. C. A. Vickery, Port Berry, Ont.

Seriously Ill—Pte. W. R. Fowler, Armstrong, B. C.

Mounted Rifles.

Wounded—Capt. S. Redpath, England.

Gassed—Lieut. H. William, Chester, Ont.

Cavalry.

Missing—Lieut. G. W. Taylor, St. John, N. B.

**IMPORTS RESTRICTED
BY THE UNITED STATES
TO CONSERVE TONNAGE**

Washington, March 23.—The first list of imports to be prohibited enters into this country in an effort to conserve tonnage for prosecuting the war.

It was made public last night by the War Trade Board under the authority of President Wilson's proclamation of February 14, which put all imports under license.

By denying permits for the importation of certain metals, foodstuffs and luxuries which can be obtained here or can be sacrificed to the greater need of putting ships into war business, the Board expects to add 1,000,000 deadweight tons to the fleet carrying men and munitions to Europe.

Last night's list of articles constitutes only those least essential, concerning which there was little argument. Lists to follow will touch various interests more closely, and will not be issued until after consultation with the trades affected.

Prohibition of the importation of the articles listed is not absolute, even for sea-borne commerce, which will permit importation at times without hindrance to the war programme. Return cargoes from Europe may bring prohibited articles, provided they can be loaded expeditiously and there is cargo space. Prohibited articles also can be imported by rail from Canada or Mexico, when originating in these countries, or in others where such goods are being licensed for export.

**ENEMY GAS ATTACK
ON AMERICAN FRONT**

With the American Army in France, March 22.—(Via London, March 23.)—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans launched a heavy gas attack against a certain town in our lines northwest of Toul last night. No wind was blowing and the fumes of mustard gas from the shells hung low over the lines for several hours. The batteries firing the shells were located to the right of Richecourt, and our artillery was busy all morning with a retaliatory shelling.

**RUSSIAN SHIPS BOUGHT
BY THE UNITED STATES**

London, March 23.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Tokyo dated Tuesday says: "The newspaper Kokumin Shinbun announces that Admiral Austin M. Knight, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, has purchased all the shipping on the Russian coast. This totals 650,000 tons. Admiral Knight is now at Vladivostok."

**LIQUOR DELIVERY
TIME IS EXTENDED**

Ottawa, March 23.—It is officially announced that the Order-in-Council bringing prohibition into effect on April 1 has been amended by the Government in regard to its provision governing the shipment of liquor from one province to another.

The amendment provides that intoxicating liquor actually shipped before April 1 may be delivered in prohibited areas by common carriers in such period of time as may be required by such common carriers under ordinary business conditions, but not to extend beyond May 1.

**DEATH IN GERMANY
OF MORAHT, MILITARY
CRITIC, IS REPORTED**

London, March 23.—The death of Major Morah, long military critic of The Tagblatt of Berlin and the most widely quoted of the German military writers, is reported in a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

**HON. N. W. ROWELL
OBLIGED TO TAKE
A TEN-DAY REST**

Ottawa, March 23.—Acting under medical advice, Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, has left the city for a ten days' rest. Mr. Rowell has been ill for several weeks.

**BRITISH DIVISIONS
FOUGHT STUBBORNLY**

Three in Particular Mentioned
by Haig in Report Last
Night

London, March 23.—Field-Marshal Haig reported last night:

"This morning the enemy renewed his attacks in great strength along practically the whole of the battle-front. Fierce fighting occurred in our battle positions, and still is continuing."

"The enemy made some progress at certain points. At others his troops have been thrown back by our counter-attacks."

"Our losses inevitably have been considerable, but they have not been out of proportion to the magnitude of the battle. From reports received from all portions of the battlefield, the enemy's losses continue to be very heavy, and his advance everywhere has been made at great sacrifice."

"Our troops are fighting with the greatest gallantry. Exceptional gallantry was shown by the 24th Division in a protracted defence at Le Verguier and by the 3rd Division, which maintained our positions in the neighborhood of Croisilles and to the north of that village against repeated attacks. A very gallant fight was made by the 51st division in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road against repeated attacks."

"Identification obtained in the course of the battle shows that the enemy's opening attack was delivered by some forty divisions, supported by great masses of German artillery reinforced by Austrian batteries. Many other German divisions since have taken part in the fighting and others are arriving in the battle area."

"Further fighting of a most severe nature is anticipated."

French Report.

Paris, March 23.—An official report issued here last night said:

"Great activity by the artillery early to-day became most violent this afternoon at divers points north of the Chemin des Dames, in the region of Courcy and La Fompelle, and in the Champagne south of Moronvillers. Three attacks made by enemy troops north of Souain and east of the Tonnons were without result."

"The German aeroplanes were destroyed and four badly damaged in a series of combats with our air squadrons. Three enemy machines were shot down by our special artillery."

"Eastern theatre, March 21: Our artillery directed a destructive fire upon enemy batteries at the Corna bend. Allied aviators executed with success a number of bombardments of enemy establishments in the region of Serus and in the Vardar Valley."

German Statement.

Berlin, March 23.—Via London, March 23.—The following statement was issued by the German War Office last evening:

"The successes of yesterday in the fighting between Arras and La Fere were extended in the continuation of our attack. Sixteen thousand prisoners and 200 guns so far have been reported captured."

"Before Verdun the artillery duel continued."

"From other theatres of the war there is nothing to report."

German Press.

London, March 23.—The German newspapers reflect a feeling of confidence concerning the present operations in the West, though the seriousness of the moment is recognized, according to the Dutch news agencies, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The Germans insist that the military and political leaders of the Central Powers have left nothing undone to spare their people in this terrible blood-bath.

**SIR T. WHITE QUOTED
AS SAYING HE IS NOT
SO ILL AS REPORTED**

Winnipeg, March 23.—A special dispatch from Los Angeles carried by a local paper says: "Sir Thomas White, the Canadian Minister of Finance, who is here, denies sensational reports that he is too ill to attend Parliament or to do his duty by the Dominion."

**WEEK'S MARINE LOSSES
OF FRANCE AND ITALY**

Paris, March 23.—The French shipping losses reported for the week ended March 16 were two steamships of more than 1,000 tons. The arrivals at French ports numbered 95 vessels and the departures 920 vessels.

Rome, March 23.—Italian ships sunk through submarine attack during the week ended March 16 were one steamship of more than 1,500 tons and two sailing vessels, one over and one under 100 tons. The arrivals at Italian ports were 467 merchantmen, while 422 merchantmen sailed.

**WAR CREDIT PASSED BY
GERMAN REICHSTAG**

Amsterdam, March 23.—The German war credit of 15,000,000 marks has passed the last reading in the Reichstag and has been finally adopted. The Independent Socialists opposed it.

Edward Bernstein, a Socialist minority Deputy, explained the opposition of his group by saying it was due to the fact that the peace treaty with Russia made it impossible to have friendly relations with that country. Moreover, he said the German policy toward Poland, Belgium and Roumania was contrary to the principle of self-determination.

**POOR MAPLE SUGAR
SEASON IN QUEBEC**

Quebec, March 23.—Reports from the maple sugar districts about Quebec indicate that the sugar crop will be meagre this season.

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**GERMAN VERSION OF
SHELLING OF DUNKIRK
AND DESTROYER FIGHT**

Berlin, March 23.—(Via London, March 23.)—A statement issued by the German admiralty to-day says:

"Some of our torpedo boat forces from Flanders, in three groups, subjected the fortress of Dunkirk and military establishments near the Bray dunes and Depaume to a long bombardment early on Thursday. Good effects were secured everywhere. Two large fires were started in an extensive barracks camp near Depaume, into which 800 shots were fired. The coastal batteries replied with a violent fire."

"On the return a fight occurred with some hostile destroyers, which, however, withdrew after being hit several times. The forces which participated in the attack returned without damage or loss. Two of our small outposts had not returned last night from a cruise west of Ostend and must be considered missing."

The British Admiralty on Thursday reported an action off Dunkirk early that morning, in which two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers, which the Admiralty statement reported had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes. Two German destroyers and two German torpedo boats were believed to have been sunk, and survivors were picked up from two enemy torpedo boats. One of the E-tena craft, a British destroyer, was damaged, but was able to reach port.

**WOMAN ARRESTED
IN MISSOURI ON
ESPIONAGE CHARGE**

Kansas City, Mo., March 23.—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, of New York, was arrested this morning at Will Springs, Mo., by federal officers, on a charge of violating the espionage act, it was announced here to-day by Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney for Missouri. Mrs. Stokes will be brought here to-morrow morning.

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**PNEUMONIC PLAGUE
IN CHINA SAME AS
"BLACK DEATH" OF 1546**

Boston, March 23.—The pneumonic plague which recently has appeared in Mongolia and that part of the Shang Si province in China north of the Great Wall, has been definitely identified with the scourge known as the "Black Death," by Dr. Percy T. Watson, who is in charge of the work of the American board of commissioners for Foreign Missions at Pechow. In 1546 the "Black Death" swept the then known world, killing approximately 25,000,000 people.

Dr. Watson cabled the Board to-day that at Kweihwang, a city of 200,000 inhabitants, there had been 150 deaths a day from the plague.

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(level), 1 cup chopped
raisins.

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egg in one teaspoonful of the
milk and brush the tops of
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kin's table. J. J.

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**HUNGARIAN BIRTH
RATE CUT IN HALF
BY THE GREAT WAR**

Washington, March 23.—The birth-
rate in Hungary has been cut to more
than half by the war, as shown in statis-
tics read to the Hungarian Chamber of
Deputies recently and made public in an
official dispatch received here. In the
year preceding the war 726,000 children
were born. In 1917 the number was 228,000.
The peace-time infant mortality rate
was thirty-four per cent. In 1916 it had
increased to fifty per cent.

GERMAN RAIDING

PLANS WERE FOILED

Americans Seized Schooner
With German Crew and
Rifles Off Mazatlan

A Pacific Port of the United States,
March 23.—The auxiliary schooner
Alexander Agassiz, which, fitted out as
a German raider, was seized off Ma-
zatlan last Tuesday by an American
gunboat, will arrive here sometime
within the next forty-eight hours with
a prize crew on board, according to
latest information here. The Agassiz,
a vessel of thirty-two tons net, was
flying the German flag when seized,
and German flags, rifles and pistols
were found on board. There were no
ship's papers and several articles were
seen to be thrown overboard when the
American gunboat sent a three-inch
shot whistling across the vessel's bow.
A crew of four Germans, said to be
sailors from an interned German ship
at Guaymas, and one said to be a
Mexican engineer, was taken off the
vessel. The men are being brought to
this port.

Although the Agassiz was not large
enough to be used as a raider, Federal
officials say the crew hoped to capture
a Pacific Mail steamship running to
Panama, outfit her with heavy guns
cached near Salina Cruz and proceed
to work havoc among Pacific coast
vessels.

The Agassiz formerly was owned by
the University of California and was
sold to the Pacific Coast Trading &
Shipping Company, of Los Angeles, and
eventually came into the possession of
a man at Mazatlan, said to be a draft
evader, who was backed by wealthy
Germans in that city. No suspicion,
however, attaches to the former own-
ing company. The Agassiz sailed for
Mazatlan late in 1917 under American
registry and in some unknown man-
ner was changed to Mexican registry.

GERMANS TRIED IN

VAIN TO RAID PARIS

Aeroplanes Crossed French
Lines, Dropped Bombs and
Were Turned Back

Paris, March 23.—At 9 o'clock last
night a group of enemy aeroplanes
crossed the lines and a certain num-
ber of bombs were dropped on Com-
peigne and different towns in that re-
gion. Several machines advanced far-
ther to the south, but were forced to
turn back by the fire of the French ar-
tillery. The alarm was immediately
given in Paris and half an hour later
the "all clear" signal was sounded.

Apparently the Germans had intend-
ed a raid upon Paris itself, but French
airmen rose to meet them and not one
enemy machine succeeded in reaching
the capital.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Inspector Bruce Meets North Cow-
ichan Trustees and Discusses
Matter

Duncan, March 23.—Inspector Bruce,
of the Education Department, attended
a meeting of the North Cowichan
School Trustees on Wednesday last to
talk over the question of consolidation
of schools, and to ask for suggestions
from the board. The Inspector told the
board that while in some districts such
as Cowichan the scheme might be an
advantage, legislation would need to be
applicable to every municipality. As
such legislation would have to be
brought in at once the board did not
feel that it was sufficiently posted to
make feasible suggestions off hand,
particularly as new points had been
brought forward that would need con-
sideration. It was decided to ascer-
tain the views of the whole district,
and make plans to be satisfactory, and
to ask for legislation at the next ses-
sion.

INTERIM SUPPLY

"VOTED AT OTTAWA"

Bill to Give Votes to Women
Discussed at Second
Reading

Ottawa, March 23.—Parliament had
another busy sitting yesterday, and
after disposing of considerable busi-
ness adjourned at 6 o'clock until Mon-
day. The main estimates were tabled,
and one-sixth of the sum, apart from
the statutory votes, amounting to
more than \$26,000,000, was voted in a
lump sum. A supply bill was then
passed and sent to the Senate, where
it was put through all its readings
and given assent by Sir Charles Fitz-
patrick, the Deputy Governor-General.
Announcement was made that the
Easter adjournment would be from
Wednesday next until the following
Tuesday.

Votes for Women.

The most interesting feature of the
sitting was the consideration of Sir
Robert Borden's bill to grant the elec-
toral franchise to women.
Sir Robert Borden, speaking on the
second reading of the bill, explained
that in five of the provinces women
already had the right to vote in pro-
vincial elections. A bill shortly would
be introduced in Nova Scotia to grant
the women this right, and then six
provinces would have done so. The
Government felt that a measure
should be enacted to enfranchise wo-
men generally throughout the Domini-
on. It did not base the bill on the
wonderful sacrifices which women had
made in connection with the war. The
bill was being introduced because the
Government felt that women were en-
titled to the franchise on their merits.
They would exercise a beneficial in-
fluence in this way. Wherever the
franchise had been granted to women,
the result had been satisfactory.

In committee there was considerable
discussion of the details of the pro-
posed legislation, but no member on
either side of the House disapproved
of the proposal to extend the fran-
chise to women. Mr. Lapointe (Kam-
ouraskat) alone expressed doubt as to
the wisdom of the proposal, but con-
fined himself to the statement that he
had experienced some difficulty in
making up his mind as to whether
the present is an opportune time to
grant the franchise to women.

Naturalization.

Sir Robert sketched the naturaliza-
tion clauses of the bill. They provid-
ed, he pointed out, that a woman who
is a British subject by birth and mar-
ried to an alien would be enfranchised
in the event of her not having sworn
allegiance herself to any foreign
power. Exception was made, however,
in the case of the wife of an enemy
alien.

Thomas Hay (Selkirk) asked if it
was the intention to provide an edu-
cational test.

Sir Robert replied that in the case
of an alien woman who became natu-
ralized, she was required to meet the
educational tests of the naturaliza-
tion act.

The first clause of the bill provides
that every female person shall be en-
titled to vote who "is not disqualified
on account of race, blood or original
nationality to vote at elections for
members of the Legislative Assembly
of the province in which she resides."

Differences.

Discussing this provision, Sir Wil-
frid Laurier said that if in any prov-
ince there was such a legislative enact-
ment it would prevent women from
voting. If, for instance, in British Co-
lumbia a woman could not vote in the
provincial elections, she would be un-
able to vote in Dominion elections. On
the other hand, if in the neighboring
province there was no such enactment,
she could vote at both elections.

Sir Robert Borden—We are merely
carrying out the same principle in re-
gard to women as those which prevail
in regard to men.

Sir Wilfrid argued that it might
have been better to take provincial
legislation, not only in the negative,
but in the affirmative, and say simply
that the franchise should be given to
every woman who had the right to
vote in any province.

Sir Robert Borden—There are cer-
tain restrictions in some provinces as
to race and nationality in respect to
men. We are simply providing that
there shall be the same restrictions in
respect of women.

Wider Franchise.

There was an anomaly, Sir Robert
admitted, and it was that the bill
would give to women in some of the
provinces a somewhat wider franchise
than was enjoyed by men. As women,
however, had waited a long time for
the privilege of voting, he did not
think it would do any harm to have
a somewhat wider franchise.

The Committee finally reported pro-
gress on the bill, which will be fur-
ther considered.

Military Operations.

Sir Sam Hughes asked if, in view
of the opening of the enemy offensive
on the Western front, the Government
had any intimation as to the progress
made. Sir Robert Borden said there
was no further information since the
offensive began.

Sir Sam suggested any data in the
way of casualties should first be ver-
ified.

"There should be no solemn faces
among the people of Canada. We are
prepared to face the worst," he added.

The Prime Minister—I do not think
any information has been given out
this year without first being verified.

Sir Sam—Perhaps not this year, but
certainly last year.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked if it was
the intention of the Militia Depart-
ment to cancel the lease of property
occupied in Quebec City by the Sisters
of Charity. The sisters, said Sir Wil-
frid, had been in occupation of the
property for forty years. H. E. Lavi-

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gueur, Quebec County, added that
there were 200 orphans in the build-
ing and if the lease were cancelled
they would suffer.

The lease had not been cancelled.
Major-General Newburn replied. It
was thought that the property might
be needed by the militia authorities
and an order had gone to Quebec to
investigate the matter. An endeavor
would be made to reach an amicable
arrangement before any action was
taken.

DUNCAN ACTIVITIES

Duncan, March 23.—The whist drive
and dance arranged by Mrs. Willett
and Mrs. Rushton in the Odd Fellows'
Hall on Thursday night proved a
splendid success and about \$50 will be
realized towards buying a gramophone
for the Great War Veterans' room. F.
J. Willett, of the Veterans, gave the
ladies every assistance in making the
arrangements and the event was so
enjoyable that it will no doubt be the
forerunner of other similar affairs.

The prizes for 500 were won by Mrs.
McMillan and Mr. Lee, and for the
whist by Mrs. Dykes and Lieut.-Com-
mander Blackwood.

At a well-attended meeting of the
KJG's Daughters, with the vice-presi-
dent, Mrs. F. G. Christmas, in the
chair, arrangements were made to hold
a book and parcel tea, with music, in
the Odd Fellows' Hall early in April.
The funds will go to defray the ex-
penses and pay prize money for the
coming flower show on April 27.

The Duncan Girl Guides' committee
has just received word from the Do-
minion headquarters that their appli-
cation for the Guides' life saving
medals for Norah and Eileen Dwyer
for their bravery in connection with
the attempted rescue of Elsie Ash
from drowning in September last, had
been successful.

When the facts of the case were pre-
sented to them, the headquarters com-
municated with C. A. Powis, secretary
of the Royal Canadian Humane So-
ciety, with the result that these two
girls will also receive the medals of
the Royal Humane Society.

It will be remembered that in the
attempted rescue Elsie almost lost
her own life, and was only saved
through the presence of mind, and
knowledge of first aid work which had
been acquired by her sister in Girl
Guide work. Norah had made the first
attempt at rescue and went in the
water again and again until exhaust-
ed, and even in that state was able to
direct and help in the resuscitation of
her sister.

A public presentation of these and
proficiency awards to various Guides
who have passed their tests will be
made at an early date.

J. T. Tisdall, of Hongkong, has just
bought the residence of M. P. Monck-
ton, of Quamichan Lake, and with his
family, who are now at the Tzou-
halem Hotel, will move there in a few
days. Mr. and Mrs. Monckton, who
have just returned from spending the
winter in California, will rent another
place in the neighborhood.

Numerous visitors from the prairie
provinces and other places have come
to the neighborhood to look over prop-
erty. Several sales have been made,
probably more than during any spring
since the war, but the prices have as
a rule been quite moderate.

L. A. Knox, of Quamichan Lake, and
Victor Jackson, son of F. A. Jackson,
are among the soldiers expected to ar-
rive in Victoria to-morrow.

HAD "FINISHED MYSTERY."

Port Arthur, March 23.—Frank W.
Westland Thomas J. Sullivan, of Win-
nipeg, Bible Students, yesterday plead-
ed guilty before Magistrate Doherty
of having in their possession copies of
the banned book, "The Finished Mys-
tery," and were each sentenced to a
fine of \$200 and costs or three months
in jail.

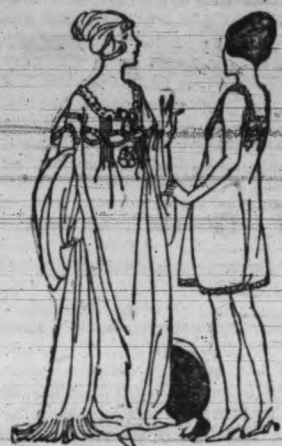
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INCREASING IN INTENSITY.

The struggle on the West Front increases in fury with each fresh stage. At the close of yesterday's fighting the enemy had made considerable gains at certain points where he had prepared special concentrations of men and material, at others he was unable to make any appreciable headway beyond the British first line, while at others still he was thrown out of positions into which his rush had carried him. As far as can be gleaned from the fragmentary dispatches which have been received up to this writing, the most notable advances recorded by the enemy were outside of St. Quentin, where he broke through the British defensive systems, forcing a retirement upon prepared lines farther west, and in the Cambrai salient. According to The Daily Mail correspondent, he was able to break through at St. Quentin by the concentration of no less than six divisions, or approximately 90,000 men, against the single British division which opposed him. His gains elsewhere are due to similarly large concentrations which, being the attacking party and possessing for the time the initiative, he is quite able to make. As it is impossible for the British at this stage of the fighting to determine beforehand at what points on the fifty-mile front the enemy is about to make his heaviest efforts they cannot take the necessary measures to meet them until after they have developed. The defence in a far-flung battle always labors under this disadvantage and is bound to lose heavily to overwhelming numbers in the process of its enlightenment.

The Germans claim large captures of guns and prisoners. Undoubtedly the British will lose heavily in prisoners and material during the first stages of this crucial conflict. Last spring they took 10,000 prisoners and over a hundred guns on a fifteen-mile front on the first day of their attack. The French took 15,000 prisoners and more than that many guns on the Aisne front of twenty miles. In view of the circumstance that the German attack with forty divisions is on a fifty-mile front the figures given by Berlin are not exceptional, and even at that they are likely to be exaggerated. The French lost between 30,000 and 40,000 prisoners and many guns in the opening stages of the Verdun offensive, while they were forced back twelve miles before the German advance was brought to a standstill. Our army is bound to sustain heavy initial losses just as the enemy has had to sustain them at the hands of the Allies during their offensives; it probably will have to retire on a considerable front to other permanent positions—possibly even to the Noyon-Peronne-Bapaume line—but it will make the enemy pay a colossal price for every mile he gains. Considering the length of the front, the number of men engaged and the manner in which they are advancing the German casualties cannot be less than 75,000 per day and it is altogether probable that they are greater than that. The British casualties on the first day of the Somme offensive were around the former figure and this attack greatly exceeds the Battle of the Somme in magnitude. A correspondent writes that not a British division has wavered. Whatever retirement may be required for reasons of prudence will be without panic and preliminary, possibly, to a war in the open and a staggering British counter-stroke.

It is now or never with the enemy. He is throwing every ounce of available strength into this struggle, and unless he can score a big success quickly he must fail, and that failure might be converted by the Allies into disaster. No offensive can maintain its present force with such extraordinary sacrifices as this one involves, for many days, for at the present rate the enemy's casualties will aggregate half a million or more in a week, not considering the indirect casualties resulting from fatigue and strain. Hence, the British front is now withstanding the supreme German effort, the force of which after a few days will decrease unless the enemy in the meantime can gain the tremendous success he appears to have expected on the first day, but which, no matter what he may claim, clearly has not been scored. If the present struggle should evolve into what is known as a "battle of move-

ment" like the Battle of the Marne, we would not have to wait long for a decision after it began.

The military expert of The New York Times, who is visiting Ottawa, thinks the German attack against the British Front is merely a gigantic feint, and that the main enemy effort will be made against the French, probably in the Champagne region. This opinion obviously is away off the mark. If the employment of fifty divisions, of 750,000 men, in an attack upon a fifty-mile front, involving for the attacking side a daily loss of between 75,000 and 100,000, is a feint, then there has been no such thing as a battle in this war. While Germany may attack the French, she cannot afford two simultaneous offensives of the dimensions of the present one, for they would cost her a couple of million casualties in a very short time, and that would be her ruin. The truth is that Germany is making her greatest effort now, because her leaders believe that with the East Front clear of menace she can win the war. She is animated by precisely the same ambition as that which drove her, after scoring important initial successes and occupying Belgium and the richest part of France, to defeat at the Marne. She is fighting for indemnities to avert bankruptcy and for the raw materials and food supplies which her adventure in Russia cannot give, striking before the American army becomes too large for her comfort and before the Russian situation takes an unexpected turn.

Berlin yesterday claimed 16,000 prisoners and 200 guns. To-day the claim has grown to 25,000 prisoners and 400 guns. Bearing in mind the fact that Germany is just launching her eighth war loan and the carefully-planned press campaign which is accompanying the German offensive the figures given out by Berlin should be taken with considerable reserve. It also should be remembered that Germany at this moment is trying to intimidate Holland and Switzerland into assisting her cause either secretly or openly; she is trying to keep Scandinavia in hand while she steals the Aland Islands and she is endeavoring to force Roumania to surrender all her war supplies. If those powers were satisfied that Germany's supreme military effort was doomed to failure they would immediately begin to assert themselves. At the same time there is little doubt that the enemy has bitten deeply into the Cambrai salient. Berlin claims to have reached the second line between Fontaine-lez-Croisilles and Moeuvres, capturing the villages of Morchies and Vaulx-Vraucourt, two and a half and three and a half miles respectively behind the northern line of the Cambrai salient. It is in these operations within the salient, no doubt, that the British are sustaining their heaviest losses in prisoners and guns, for once a salient is penetrated the forces in it become imperilled.

A London dispatch describes the feeling in the Old Country as one of supreme confidence and pride in the army now forming a rampart between ruthless autocracy and the freedom of the world. It is recognized, the dispatch adds that the battle now in progress is the most gigantic struggle in history and the opinion of competent observers is that failure of the German offensive will mean the end of the war. The London Times describes it as a last prodigious gamble and expresses confidence that it will fail. Reuter's correspondent says the slaughter of the Germans is appalling. At Roisel every available British gun in the sector was trained twelve times upon solid masses of enemy troops, while the airmen grew weary emptying their machine gun drums and dropping their bombs into the dense grey crowds of troops and returning for more ammunition. The correspondent adds that the scenes of activity behind the battlefront baffled description but that "everywhere there is the same well-ordered organization and quiet confidence."

The London Morning Post cautions its readers to keep cool and not form "premature conclusions from plausible augmentation of scanty facts." This is sound advice. Germany, as we have pointed out, is bound to make the most of every prisoner, gun and position taken by her, while every evacuation and retirement made by the British will be described by Berlin as a "great German victory" and a "precipitate British flight" or "rout." The British defensive or striking power has not been impaired. There are hundreds of thousands of fresh troops, thousands of guns and millions of shells in reserve, and on permanent lines farther back and besides the great strategic reserve formed by the Versailles Council, and the farther the enemy advances the stronger will become the resistance and the greater the German casualties. The main purpose of British leadership is to reduce Germany's manpower and, in consequence of such reduction, the morale of her troops, in the greatest possible measure, and this the British are doing, whether they are

holding their positions or retiring upon other lines where their destructive power will be increased. They can stand that process longer than the Huns can stand their losses.

THAT HIGH-POWERED GUN.

Some shells from a 9.2-inch gun fell upon Paris and suburbs at intervals of fifteen minutes this morning, and as the nearest enemy point to Paris is sixty-two miles away the inference drawn in the dispatch reporting the bombardment was that the Germans have a gun that can hurl a projectile that far. If that gun will shoot sixty-two miles it is a real Simon-pure military surprise; indeed, the chances are that it is as much of a surprise to its owners as it is to the Parisians. And why should it be trained upon Paris instead of from, say Ostend or Zeebrugge, upon Dover or the main British bases in France? Is it the only gun of its kind in Germany? Could not the Krupp have turned out twins? Besides, a 9-inch shell seems to be a rather small projectile for a 62-mile gun. A 29 or 24-inch shell would be more appropriate.

Somehow, we feel that after the French authorities have investigated that high-powered, sixty-two mile gun they will find a much less astounding explanation of the dropping of those shells in Paris and suburbs this morning. We observe that very high-flying Hun aeroplanes have been paying some attention to Paris during the last twenty-four hours. It would be much easier in any case for an aeroplane to drop 9-inch shells upon Paris every fifteen minutes than for a marksman to pick out the range with so much nicely sixty-two miles away. If Germany possessed such a gun we would suggest that the skill of the gunner was even more surprising than the existence of the gun. The Huns certainly are omitting no piece of camouflage, no matter how cheap, in trying to impress their foes with an idea of their supernatural powers.

The Kaiser has assumed command of the German armies now engaged with the British—that is, for the present, when things look promising. But we venture the prediction that before very long we shall be told that the report of William's assumption of supreme command was an enemy falsehood, and that von Hindenburg, not the Kaiser, was the actual goat. Wilhelm also took command of the German army which tried to take Nancy in 1914, but dropped it like a hot potato on the day de Castelnau's counter-stroke drove his army into the Voges.

Don't let the Berlin bulletins alarm you. The enemy is bound to issue all sorts of glowing accounts during the first round or two. The glow will gradually die away, and at the finale Berlin will issue no bulletin at all. If the situation were dangerous there would be an Allied counter stroke which would flame along the front from the sea to the Voges.

CONSOLIDATING OF SCHOOLS CONSIDERED

Large Meeting Held at Metchoshin Hall Last Evening; Action Taken.

Very material progress in a movement which it is believed will lead to a consolidation of the school system in Metchoshin, was made last evening when one of the largest school meetings ever held in the district took place. As a result of the deliberations a resolution was unanimously adopted, that a committee be formed to investigate fully the question of the consolidation into one of the eight school districts of the district, and to gather all available data relative to the subject. This committee, to which the following gentlemen were appointed, Whitney Griffiths, chairman; S. F. Higgs, H. Nield, W. Bickford, A. Hankin and P. A. Hillis, will report to a general meeting which will be called in the near future.

Last evening's meeting was the most important which has yet been called for the discussion of the consolidation of the school districts, a large number of the trustees being present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Griffiths, who as a strong supporter of consolidation, spoke forcibly in favor of united action in an endeavor to improve the school system of the district. Inspector Bruce also expressed himself favorably on the matter of consolidation. He felt that the matter of a site, transportation, etc., could be solved satisfactorily. In his view he was supported by George McGregor, who referred to the experience gained by residents of Sannich with respect to consolidation of schools. Leonard Tait was of the opinion that transportation difficulties could be overcome.

S. F. Higgs, of Albert Head, submitted figures showing that the districts affected paid the lowest school rate in the Dominion, the rate being less than one mill. In connection with this fact attention was drawn to the statement of Inspector Bruce that the district's record of pupils passing to the High School was very poor.



THE CAT NUISANCE.

To the Editor.—I wish you could suggest a remedy for the following situation: The neighborhood in which I reside is infested with cats. I can see from four to six cats sunning themselves on the cross-bar of my fence any fine day. Last year most of my seedlings were broken down by their antics, and this year the same thing is happening. I cannot keep rabbits on the back lot as I should like to do as the cats would be a continual menace. What am I to do? There is one thing that should be done without delay, and that is to tax them. But meanwhile have I quietly to submit to the nuisance? Apart from the destruction to young plants they make the place offensive in other ways, and their howling at night is extremely annoying. Something ought to be done, for the situation is fast becoming unbearable.

C. BARKIS.

Victoria, March 21, 1918.

FERTILIZERS.

To the Editor.—With your permission, I wish to raise a few words on the fertilizer question. If the application of fertilizers, and the resulting effects, were as simple as might be inferred from the letter in your paper of yesterday all would be plain sailing for the soil cultivator. But, unfortunately, they are not, as any practical worker knows from experience. The agricultural chemist can tell us what a soil contains and what it does not, but even he cannot say what condition is necessary and how that condition may be brought about, so that the constituents of a soil may be available as plant food; not can he say—in most cases—what to apply that would be immediately available as plant food—note, I say plant food; stable manure generally excepted.

From experiments carefully carried out I have no hesitation in saying that in the majority of cases the increase in yield does not pay the cost of the fertilizer. Careless talk such as "a fine crop that's the result of the fertilizer" is worthless; the price and market value furnish the acid test.

My advice to lot cultivators is to leave fertilizers alone and spend their dollars in hoe work and water. I know that will yield a good return.

E. FLEMING.

North Quadra Street.

"CAMPAIGNERS OF THE GREAT WORLD WAR."

To the Editor.—As an old soldier, I was greatly interested in the letter appearing in your issue of to-day, regarding the "Campaigners of the Great World War." The very same idea that J. H. Irons sets forth, as to "eligibility" for membership in the Association he writes of, was also considered correctly by I. N. Irons, a well-known soldier whom many of your military readers will remember. It is quite a coincidence that the names should be so alike, and I have wondered if your correspondent is any relation of my old friend.

As he quite rightly says, the case of the returned men, and of any association, organized for their benefit should be presented to the public clearly, and anything calculated to mislead, should be at once questioned. His letter, therefore, is most opportune, though he is somewhat vague therein in his reference to "orderly rooms." On his behalf and for the benefit of our non-military readers I should like to explain that an "orderly room," in the general sense of that term, means the office of a company, battalion, or other unit, where all business and detail concerning the training, feeding, clothing, arming, etc., etc., of every individual of the unit is centered and controlled.

In a particular sense, the term "orderly room" denotes the hour at which the commander of a unit is present at his office to deal with such individuals of his unit who may be charged with some breach of the regulations; also to hear requests and to give advice to them, making or seeking the same. In short, it corresponds much, in our army affairs, to the police court, the "orderly room" is not, by certain of its habits, regarded as a very popular institution.

W. PAUL.

Esquimalt, March 24, 1918.

FERTILIZERS FOR PROFIT.

To the Editor.—My previous letter was not written in any controversial spirit, and I can assure Mr. English, if such assurance is necessary, that I have no "axe to grind." My idea was simply to give a few hints which might be of value to beginners in lot cultivation, and add them in avoiding unnecessary expense.

For many years I have been acquainted with the fact that of the ten or more elements essential for plant growth there are three—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—which must continually, in some way, be returned to the soil if perpetual fertility is to be maintained. My point was that where the soil is a black or dark loam and has been in grass and pasture for years it will contain ample supplies of available plant food for one or more seasons, and therefore, that the application of any fertilizer is for the present an unnecessary expense, unless the crop is to be grown quickly and matured early in which case nitrate of soda furnishes the best possible form of nitrogen. On such soil the soluble

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nitrogen is not leached out to any great extent, and even if some of it has been carried down near to or into the sub-soil, if good cultivation is practised it will usually come back by capillary attraction. I did not "compare whale guano with superphosphate," because commensurate will say that an application of one plant food cannot compensate for a deficiency of another. What I said was that if there is any plant food likely to be short in such soil as described above it will be phosphoric acid, not nitrogen or potash.

Mr. English is right in saying that for low-lying, sour soil lime is often of

benefit, but I still maintain that for the average lot in Victoria its use will be unprofitable, and indeed utterly useless.

As he points out, soot, wood ashes and kelp may be used to supply potash. For potatoes, however, wood ashes should never be applied in the drills. Last year I experimented with a few rows and the result was very scabby potatoes, and I have several friends who had the same experience. The ashes should be sown broad-cast and thoroughly incorporated with the soil by cultivation.

It must be added that there are many lots and gardens in Victoria,

especially which have been cultivated for two or more years, where the use of commercial fertilizers will prove profitable, and for these the hints given by Mr. English should be of value. His letter is thoughtfully prepared and shows that he possesses considerable theoretical knowledge of his subject. I hope he will excuse me, however, if I prefer to back my long years of experience in preference to his theory. If there is anyone who doubts the soundness of my position a little experimental work will, I believe, prove illuminating.

"ENTRE NOUS."

March 22, 1918.

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The Corset is the Foundation

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—Corsets, First Floor

Good Quality Sheetings That Will Interest You

—Especially if you are an admirer of real good quality and appreciate lasting wear and service. Good Sheetings, like good linens—practically impossible to buy at the mills to-day. Hence the importance, then, of buying from a stock like the one we offer you, while the opportunity presents itself. The Sheetings we offer below are worth at least 25¢ a yard more, based on the prices of other qualities the mills are sending out to-day. A strong-quality Cotton Sheetings, with a nice linen finish; close weave; in two widths only; $2\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards. Selling special at, a yard, **95¢** and **\$1.05**.

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—Staples, Main Floor

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—We again suggest that you give us an early visit this coming week—in the mornings, if possible—for it is then that we are enabled to give greater individual attention to each customer than is possible with a crowded store during the afternoons.

—Below you can read details of some of our more important offerings in Ready-to-Wear appropriate for wear at Easter.



Select Your Spring or Easter Dress From This Fine Array of Latest Models

—Our Women's Dress Section is exceptionally well-stocked with smart new creations in appropriate apparel for Easter wear. If you have not yet made your purchase, we would certainly urge you to pay this Dress Department a visit. The new models are so different and new—so many attractive features that no one interested in fashionable Dresses should miss the opportunity to view such an array of styles.

—These Dresses are exceptionally good in value, too; away above the ordinary—existing market conditions considered.

—The prices of these Dresses start as low as **\$13.75**, and there's a splendid variety to choose from also at **\$15.00**, **\$18.75** to **\$20.00**. But particular attention is directed to the better and higher-priced models ranging from **\$25.00** to **\$47.50**. These are exceedingly handsome models, featuring the new overskirts, also the slightly gathered effects at waist line with belt. Some models are beautifully touched up with hand-embroidered work. The Eton coatee model with full gathered skirt is also represented.

—In every case the straight slender lines predominate.

—The materials are of superior grade woolen serges and gabardines in shades rookery, sand, navy, brown and green.

—An assortment of models from which you can choose with confidence—knowing that only the most approved and up-to-date styles are included.
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Easter News in Men's and Boys' Clothing

This Eastertide we are going to give men and boys the opportunity to secure their New Suit, Top Coat and Hat at a great price saving. Our new stocks have been marked at these close prices for a quick turnover, owing to our limited store space while the rebuilding operations are going on.

This is without a question a unique opportunity, and you will prove it well worth while investigating our values and superior merchandise.

Men's Suits in Latest Styles

—The new models are very smart. They are cut on lines that give the wearers a particular stylish appearance—especially is this so with the new belted models; also the semi-fitted effects. Each suit is tailored in first-class style, the very best of workmanship, and finished with good serviceable trimmings. There are suits for young men; also the three-button models for more conservative dressers. Your choice from a wide range of new patterns and shades in English tweeds and worsteds. All sizes, and fit guaranteed. Rebuilding Sale prices, **\$15.00** to **\$30.00**.

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Serviceable Suits for Boys

—in the newest styles for Spring, featuring smart yoke, Norfolk and belted effects. Each suit is tailored in best style, from strong durable tweeds and worsteds, and there's a big variety of shades and patterns to select from. Each model is finished with bloomer pants, having governor fasteners at knee. Sizes 2 to 16 years. Rebuilding Sale prices, a suit, **\$4.75**, **\$5.95**, **\$6.95**, **\$7.95**, **\$8.95**, **\$9.75** to **\$15.00**.

You Will Need a New Hat

—To go with your Easter Suit. Then why not choose it here, where style, quality and reasonable prices prevail. We are showing the latest blocks in Men's Hats, priced **\$2.50**, **\$3.00**, **\$3.50** and up to **\$6.00**.

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A BEDTIME STORY

UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE FLAPJACKS

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

"Um-yum! What's that nice and delicious smell I smell?" cried Uncle Wiggily. Longears, the bunny rabbit, gentleman, as he came down stairs in his hollow stump bungalow one morning.

"Flapjacks," answered Nurse Jane, his muskrat housekeeper.

"Flapjacks?" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Well, I've heard of jumping jacks, and I Jack-in-the-pulpit, and Jack-B-Nimble, and Jack-in-the-box, but who, pray tell, is Flap Jack?"

"Oh, it isn't a man, or a boy, as you suppose," said the muskrat lady with a laugh. "Flapjacks are just another name for pancakes. I call them flapjacks because I have to flap them over, or turn them over, first flipping them on one side and then on the other, so they'll cook nice and brown for your breakfast."

"Oh, then I'm going to have flapjacks for breakfast, am I?" asked Uncle Wiggily.

"You are," answered Nurse Jane, as she went out in the kitchen, whence came the nice, delicious smells. "You have such a lot of maple sugar," went on the muskrat lady, "that I melted some up into maple syrup for you to eat on your flapjacks."

"Good!" cried Uncle Wiggily, twinkling his pink nose like a red paper heart in the middle of a lollypop valentine. "I'm the boy for flapjacks with maple syrup sprayed over the top!"

So Nurse Jane kept on getting the flapjacks ready, and Uncle Wiggily was thinking how good they'd taste for his breakfast, when, all at once, the telephone rang in the hollow stump bungalow, and when the muskrat lady had answered it, she came and said to Uncle Wiggily:

"Oh, I am so sorry! But I don't believe, after all, that I can bake your flapjacks."

"Why not?" asked the bunny.

"Because," answered Nurse Jane, "Mrs. Longtail, the mouse lady, just telephoned over that Squeakie-Eekie, the little cousin mouse, has a loose tooth that needs pulling, and she wants me to do it."

"Oh, go by all means!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggily. "Go pull Squeakie-Eekie's loose tooth!"

"But your flapjacks?" asked Nurse Jane.

"I'll bake them myself!" cried the brave rabbit gentleman.

"Can you?" asked Nurse Jane. "When you come back I'll tell you," spoke the bunny, with a smile that twinkled his pink nose twice as fast as before.

So Nurse Jane went over to Mrs. Longtail's house and Uncle Wiggily went out in the kitchen, where Nurse Jane had the flapjack batter all mixed, ready for baking the cakes on a hot griddle.

Uncle Wiggily knew something about it, from having watched the muskrat lady make pancakes. He greased the hot griddle so the cakes would not stick and then poured on some of the batter.

"When the flapjack is baked on one side nice and brown," said Uncle Wiggily to himself, "I'll flip it over on the other side with the egg-turner."

Well, he was just getting ready to do this when into the kitchen scrambled the bad old Copy-cat. "Tve Menow!" howled the cat. "Tve come to get some souse from four

ears, just like the Skeezecks. I copy what he does!"

"Oh please don't!" begged Uncle Wiggily.

"Yes, I shall!" yowled the Copy-cat.

"Well, then, please let me turn this flapjack first so it won't burn!" begged the bunny.

"Oh, he! No, you don't!" measured the Copy-cat. "That is some trick to get away from me. I'll turn the flapjack myself!"

Snatching the egg-turner from the bunny the Copy-cat tried to turn the flapjack over. But, being a careless cat, and not knowing how, the bad creature let the flapjack slip.

Right down on the Copy-cat's toes fell the sizzling hot flapjack.

"Oh, wow!" howled the cat. "Oh, polly-doodles and dishwater! Oh, how I burn! This is no place for me!"

Dropping the egg-turner, away ran the Copy-cat, leaving the bunny alone.

And after he had thrown away the spoiled flapjack, which, to be sure, had done him a good turn, Uncle Wiggily baked himself a lot more cakes and ate them with maple syrup on. He also baked some for Nurse Jane when she came back from pulling Squeakie-Eekie's tooth—and the muskrat lady said Uncle Wiggily was quite a cook.

So this teaches us that even a fallen flapjack has its uses, and if the boiled cabbage doesn't hide in the hollow of the ham bone so the olive oil can't find the chicken salad, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the apple cake.

BAKING POWDER

Canada Gazette Contains Specific Instructions for Compliance With Regulations.

The current issue of The Canada Gazette contains the following definition under the Adulteration Act of baking powder:

1. Baking powder is essentially a mixture of bicarbonate of soda with an acid, either free or in combination with an acid salt, together with starch or other neutral material, and is intended to be used as a leavening agent in baking, the leavening agent being the carbonate acid gas liberated by interaction of the acid component with the bicarbonate of soda under the conditions of baking.

2. The acid materials employed in the manufacture of baking powders shall be in themselves harmless to health, and the compounds resultant from their interaction with bicarbonate of soda shall also be harmless to health.

3. The name of the acid material employed in the manufacture of baking powder shall appear upon the label of every brand of baking powder, and where two or more names are available the name most generally understood by the public shall be used.

4. Compounds containing sulphate of alumina, as a double salt with an alkali sulphate, shall be designated as alum, and shall be distinguished as potassium alum, sodium alum or ammonium alum, as the case may be.

5. Baking powder must be capable of yielding ten per cent. of its weight of carbon dioxide on treatment as described and recommended in Bulletin No. 360, of the Department of Inland Revenue, (Laboratory series).

Social & Personal

Mrs. Hamish Morton, of Duncan, has arrived in the city for a brief visit, and is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

Major Gen. Leckie, G. O. C., is on a short visit to Vancouver, where he is the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. D. Gilles.

Miss Gladys Peters, of Victoria, is spending a few days in Vancouver, as the guest of Miss Dorothy Langford, of Shaughnessy Heights.

Miss Gowen has returned to her home in this city after a trip to Vancouver, where she was the guest of Mrs. J. C. Farish, of Butte Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Greene, of Vancouver, are leaving the mainland city for Victoria early in April, and expect to make their future residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Manning and their infant son returned to their home in Seattle on Wednesday after visiting with Mrs. Manning's mother, Mrs. R. B. McKicking.

Lady Loucheed and Miss Dorothy Loucheed have gone over to Vancouver, and will spend some days in the mainland city. During their visit they will stay at the Hotel Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hampton, whose marriage took place at Maple Ridge on Wednesday, are spending their honeymoon in this city. The bride was Miss Nettie Anderson, of Hagarville, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton will make their future home at Maple Ridge.

At a recent meeting of the Official Board of the Fairfield Methodist Church, an unanimous invitation was extended to the pastor, Rev. A. B. Osterhout, to remain for another year, making his fourth in that pastorate.

The ninth annual daffodil tea under the auspices of the King's Daughters is, through the kindness of Lady Barnard, to be held at Government House on April 19. A short musical programme has been arranged, tea will be served and cut flowers will be on sale.

Last evening at his residence at Oak Bay, Hon. Dr. King entertained at an informal dinner party, his guests including G. G. McGeer, J. W. Weart, F. W. Anderson, Dr. Sutherland, and J. W. E. Thompson, of the Legislative Assembly, R. Hartley, and the members of the Press Gallery of the Legislature.

The Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of the Social Service Department of the Methodist Church of Canada, arrived in the city this afternoon and will remain over the weekend. Tomorrow he will speak at the Belmont Methodist Church in the morning, and at the evening service at the Metropolitan Church upon matters pertaining to social service work.

The committee of the W. C. T. U. Home desire to thank Mrs. Kenning, Mrs. Brady, Miss Brady, Mrs. E. Adams, Miss Adams, Mrs. Mellor, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. Duke Stewart, who having kindly undertaken to collect money to renew the linen for the Home, met the committee on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Brady presented a beautiful basket of flowers to Mrs. Spencer, the president, in which was placed an envelope containing a cheque for \$205. Gifts of linen, etc., having also been sent in, the committee desire to thank all donors most cordially.

Mrs. Ralph Smith was the hostess at a luncheon party held at the Empress Hotel on Wednesday, when her guests included the members of the Mother's pension delegation, who had interviewed the Government. Those present were Mrs. Galbraith and Mrs. Gordon Grant of Victoria, Mrs. McDiarmid of New Westminster, and Mrs. J. W. de la Farge, Judge (Mrs.) J. H. McGill, Mrs. Castelli, Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Griffin, Mrs. John Dickson, Mrs. Cecil Cotton, Miss Gutteridge, Mrs. J. H. Macken, Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Mrs. J. A. Clark and Mrs. Thos. Harold, of Vancouver. Mayor and Mrs. Gale, of Vancouver, entertained the delegates at tea in the palm court later in the afternoon.

The masquerade dance, which was held at the Lake Hill School by the Red Cross branch of the Lake Hill Women's Institute on Wednesday evening was a pronounced success, almost everybody was in fancy dress, and the scene was a gay one. The first lady's prize was awarded to Mrs. C. Vert, as "White Swan Soap," second, Miss Marian Hodgins, as "America." Prize to C. King on his costume of the eighteenth century, carried off the first gentleman's prize. Mr. Sandiford as a "convalescent soldier," won the second. A special prize was awarded to little Miss Dorothy Atkinson, who looked charming as "Robin Hood." A cake, which was raffled, was won by Mr. Webster with ticket No. 378. The committee wishes to thank all who so generously provided the refreshments, especially Shelly Bros., who have donated bread on several occasions. Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rylands, of Rockside Poultry Farm; Mrs. A. Lowe, Mrs. Dorothy Lowe and C. King, who donated the handsome prizes.

PRIMROSE DAY

Vimy Ridge Anniversary, April 9, to Be Marked by Sale of Spring Flowers.

As has already been announced, the Red Cross Society has arranged to commemorate the Vimy Ridge engagement, April 9, by selling primroses on the

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streets of the city for the benefit of the funds. The present great offensive is certain to cause a very great drain on the resources of the Red Cross both in cash and material, and this will be an opportunity for everyone to help.

Primrose Day has heretofore been celebrated on April 19, but the war has changed many things, and this year that date was not available for the Red Cross, hence the sale of primroses this year on the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Last year the people of Victoria subscribed \$10,000 to the Red Cross as a thank offering for the victory at Vimy. This year the people are even greater.

Friends of the Red Cross who have primroses in their gardens are requested to pick them all and deliver at the View Street temporary headquarters in the Union Bank building. It is intended that all primroses be turned in at the central headquarters and the requirements of the various auxiliary committees will be furnished from there.

"THE CONQUEROR" IS STIRRING PHOTODRAMA

"The Conqueror," William Fox's stirring photodrama featuring William Farnum, will be seen at the Dominion Theatre on Monday. It is said of "The Conqueror" that it is Director R. A. Walsh's masterpiece, and that statement should be accepted by the motion picture-loving public as an epoch.

The life of General Sam Houston, one of the country most famous frontier characters, is depicted on the screen in a wealth of realism and detail. The Mexican marauders of the early 40's and their depredations and the repulse by the Cavalrymen and Indians under General Sam Houston is one of the most picturesque battle scenes ever filmed, no picture expected.

The love story in "The Conqueror" is charming, and the dramatic action is skillfully built to climaxes that reach the acme of motion picture realism.

William Farnum as Sam Houston, the celebrated Texas hero, is pictured in the colorings so well fitted to his manly appearance and dramatic skill. The younger Houston went to live with the Indians, where his presence was of much good to the Red Men. When he met the Princess Rose, however, his plans underwent a complete change. He became ambitious and rose to high political heights. He became governor of the state and then claimed the hand of his charmer.

Then follows in rapid succession his fitting from public life of his old state to the borders of Mexico, where he was prominent in the early history of Texas. His departure from civilization was due to a misunderstanding with his young wife, from whom he parted, almost at the altar. Their dramatic meeting and reconciliation in a convent, amidst the strife of battle, is one of the stirring parts of the famous picture.

MISS NORMAND AGAIN AT DOMINION TO-NIGHT

Quick action and real emotional appeal form the basis of Mabel Normand's newest Goldwyn production, "The Floor Below," to be shown to-night at the Dominion Theatre. Miss Normand plays a copy girl in a busy newspaper office, getting into a scrape which causes her discharge—or is about to bring it about when she is saved. Patricia O'Rourke is given her first assignment with the promise that the job will wait for her if she is successful. A number of daring robberies has been committed by crooks who seem possessed of inside information concerning the rich homes they plunder. The police have a clue which causes them to watch the settlement house conducted by Hunter Mason, a young millionaire, as the source from which the plans come. Patricia is ordered to go to the mission as a detour, and, if possible, steal a march on the police and score a "beat" for her paper.

Mistaken for a thief in sore need of reform, the girl is received by Hunter Mason and Latham, his secretary, and so appeals to the millionaire that he enlists his mother's aid in caring for her. She also meets a girl who, in spite of her love for Latham, is making a bid for Mason's affections. What follows forms the big surprise of the story.

BIG AUDIENCE ENJOYS

"GRAND OPERA" NIGHT

Delightful Programme at Last Night's Concert of Ladies' Musical Club

Once again the popularity of the Ladies' Musical Club concerts has been demonstrated, for one of the biggest musical audiences of the season filled the ballroom at the Empress Hotel last night on the occasion of the Grand Opera night arranged by Mrs. Macdonald Fahey. The programme was one of the most attractive yet given by the Club, and every number was enthusiastically received by the delighted audience.

Mrs. Fahey, who took the soprano solos, added another to her long list of personal triumphs, her fine voice being eminently suited to the demands of grand opera. Great dramatic power and a fine sense of sympathy marked her interpretation of Lis's aria from L'Enfant Prodigue (Debussy), while the temperamental qualities of her voice found a delightful medium of expression in Dinorah's song from Meyerbeer's opera. Her other solo, Nedd's song from Pagliacci, was equally popular and sung with the finished artistry which marks all her work.

Miss Lugin was in excellent voice, and her rendering of The Page's song from Meyerbeer's opera, "Les Huguenots," revealed her nice sense of technique. Particularly happy, too, was her singing of Spohr's Cantata Rosa, in which her beautiful contralto voice was heard to perfection. The Flower Duet from Madama Butterfly, as sung in duet by Mrs. Fahey and Miss Lugin, was one of the most delightful numbers on the programme, the two voices blending in exquisite harmony in this beautiful little selection from Puccini's work.

The other vocal numbers were the quartette from Rigoletto, a charming bit of harmony in which the individual parts were excellently sustained by Mrs. Fahey, Miss Lugin, James Hunter and M. C. Reynard, and the trio from Faust, in which Mrs. Fahey took the part of Marguerite.

The instrumentalists for the evening were Mrs. A. J. Gibson and J. D. A. Tripp. Mrs. Gibson acted as accompanist with her usual sympathy, and in addition appeared in her all-too-rare roll of solo pianist, in the Liszt Hungarian Fantasy for two pianos, with Mr. Tripp at the first piano. Mr. Tripp gave a brilliant interpretation of the Paganini Brahms Theme and Variations, in which he revealed his wonderful mastery of technique and powerful touch, while his encore number was marked by delicate melodic sense and tender phrasing. Both pianists were accorded the most enthusiastic applause, amounting almost to an ovation.

PROF. ALEXANDER LECTURES.

The interest in Prof. Alexander's lectures at the First Baptist Church continues to grow and last night's lecture was one of the best yet delivered. From first to last the audience listened with wrapt attention and the applause which frequently interrupted the speaker showed that the points made were fully appreciated. The lecturer never allows his hearers to get weary for something sparkling in the shape of wit, which causes the heartiest laughter. To-night will be especially interesting, when he gives his lecture on "Training Children Without the Use of the Rod." Sunday he lectures to men only on "Hereditry and Social Evils," at the Columbia Theatre at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. While on Wednesday he gives his most popular lecture on "Love, Courtship, Marriage and Jealousy."

This lecture will be given in the Princess Theatre, and from all indications the house will be crowded. At Vancouver hundreds were turned away and the lecture had to be repeated.

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RETAIL VENDORS MUST SECURE LICENSES

No Waste of Food Must Be Allowed and Full Records Must Be Kept

The licensing of retail vendors is fully set out in two Orders-in-Council in the issue of The Canada Gazette of March 16, just to hand. A third order revises the rules for bakers who are required to use standard flour, effective May 1, and for retail butchers, bakers, produce merchants, retail florists and feed, fruit and vegetable, retail fish dealers, etc., all effective on May 15.

The Orders provide as follows, among other matters:

1. That the licensee shall not buy, contract for, sell, store or otherwise handle or deal in any food or food products for the purpose of unreasonably increasing the price, or of restricting the supply, or of monopolizing or attempting to monopolize either locally or generally any food or food products.

2. That licensee shall not destroy any food or food products which are fit for human consumption, and shall not knowingly commit waste, or wilfully permit preventable deterioration in connection with the storing or sale of any food or food products.

3. That no licensee shall, directly or indirectly, knowingly buy any food commodities from, or sell any such commodities to, any person required to obtain a license from the Canada Food Board, and who has not obtained such license.

4. That the licensee shall place on every letterhead, contract, order, acceptance or order, invoice, price list

and quotation issued, the words, "Canada Food Board License Number" followed by the number of the license, and shall show the name of the licensee or licensees under which business is carried on.

5. That all licensees may be required to make reports monthly, and as often and at such times and in such form as may be in writing directed by the Canada Food Board, showing the stock on hand, the amount of food sold, and such other information as may be required by the Canada Food Board.

6. That application for license must be on form eight hereto attached.

7. That the following shall be the fees to be paid for licenses granted under this order: When the value sold does not exceed \$20,000 per annum, \$2; when the value sold does not exceed \$40,000 per annum, \$4; when the value sold does not exceed \$60,000 per annum, \$6; when the value sold does not exceed \$80,000 per annum, \$8; when the value sold does not exceed \$100,000 per annum, \$10; and an additional \$2 for each \$20,000, or fraction thereof, of the value sold in excess of above figures.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

The largest permit in amount issued since the authority for the alterations now in progress at the Spencer Block will go out from the Building Inspector's office early next week. The plans have been filed for a \$14,000 service station by the Imperial Oil Company on the vacant land at the corner of Quadra Street and Yates Street.

The building, which will be of brick, will occupy portion of the lot with a covered driveway for cars. The unoccupied area will be turfed with flowers and greatly improve a somewhat neglected corner.

A building permit for a residence for O. M. Hamblin in Craigdarroch Road has been issued to R. E. West. The amount is \$5,400.

Several other permits have also been issued this week, showing that building operations are reopening in the city.

JUDGMENT RESERVED ON DEAL IN "MARGINS"

Action Brought by Stevenson & Co. to Recover \$756 From C. D. Mason

Judge Lampman yesterday afternoon reserved judgment in the action brought by F. W. Stevenson & Co. against C. D. Mason for the recovery of \$756, alleged to be due for the purchase on commission of fifty shares in the Denver Rio Grande on his account. L. C. Mills appeared for plaintiffs and H. A. Maclean, K.C., for defendant.

For plaintiffs, Mr. Mills contended that the shares in question had been bought for them by a firm on the New York Stock Exchange and had been held for defendant on the understanding that further margin would be put up. When such further margin was not provided they sold out. He brought forward other cases to show there was no illegality in the transaction, and held that defendant should have given a "stop order" when paying, if he intended to stop when that margin was exhausted. His clients' evidence was that applications for further margin had been made.

Defendant, it appeared, had bought and sold stocks on margin through plaintiffs for a number of years, and he testified that, in a period of fifteen years he had never actually taken up a share. As to these particular shares, he said he had given an order to buy on the strong recommendation of Mr. Stevenson, and that, when making a payment of \$100 for margin, he mentioned he could not afford to lose, and would have nothing further to do with the transaction once this margin was gone.

Mr. Maclean claimed that the whole transaction was illegal, being a wagering transaction contrary to the criminal code and not a bona fide, outright purchase of stock and advanced cases in support of this contention, laying emphasis on the fact that defendant, in fifteen years, had never actually taken up a share, a practice he had no intention of departing from in this transaction.

Dr. Plaskett Goss East—Dr. Plaskett, of the Astro-Physical observatory at Saanich left this afternoon for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has been called to carry out the final tests of the lens for the big telescope. This is the second time within six months that the mirror has approached completion, a flaw having been discovered in the previous testing, necessitating the re-grinding of the surface. Dr. Plaskett anticipates returning within the next three weeks, as the testing will occupy him about a week.

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AMENDMENT TO THE WATER ACT VITALLY CONCERNS DRY BELT

Minister of Lands Explains on Second Reading; Debate Adjourned

Legislative Press Gallery, March 22.

Of a very great deal of interest to all water users in those localities dependent upon irrigation systems, improved or scientific, is the Bill which came up for second reading this afternoon. In dealing with the two outstanding principles of the measure which, by the way, is to amend the Water Act, the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, explained at some length its conservation and public utility phases. He told of the fundamentals his belief in proper irrigation systems, the like of which he had seen in Southern California, whose benefits needed no emphasis.

Saw for Himself.

The Minister reminded the House that the measure introduced last session was meant only to be curative for the year 1917 and his present Bill was to supplement it. The better to enable him to understand the requirements of the Dry Belt of British Columbia he had made a personal investigation in company with the Water Controller last summer. As a result of that tour the proposed legislation and the provision for a Conservation fund of half a million dollars, he hoped would commend itself to the Legislature. The important nature of the Bill, however, demanded the fullest discussion, the Minister of Lands himself not expecting the waters over which it would have to pass to be minus ripples or even a few substantial waves.

No Indiscriminate Nursing.

Mr. Pattullo was not advocating indiscriminate nursing of anybody; the object of his Bill being to protect the present water users securing for them the necessary supply for all requirements. If at a later date and after due investigation control could reasonably be vested in the users themselves, then the Provisions of the Act could be applied. As Public Utility legislation last year the present measure was an extension of the principle and now gave authority to investigate the relations between the user and the holder to see if those relations were in accordance with the intent of the Act. The primary function of the Bill is to insure each producer a constant supply of water, replacing the erratic uncertain methods of the past.

By-Play.

The Minister took occasion to "spank" the member for South Okanagan who had quite truthfully told the House of the manner in which Mr. Pattullo's party had been given the "fat of the land" during his summer tour. Neither was the Minister reflecting on the cordiality of the reception accorded him, but he found it necessary to tell the House that Mr. Jones, the member referred to, had literally bombarded him with the necessities of the district and finding that his demands were not promptly acceded to on the spot, had virtually branded the trip a failure at the outset, figuratively cancelling the "eat" further along the line of tour. However, with one or two upper cuts by Mr. Pattullo the party became reconciled and the excursion proceeded merrily with everybody happy.

With a come-back in his mind, perhaps, the member for South Okanagan moved the adjournment of the debate on the second reading.

GREAT WAR VETERANS

Preparing Settlement Recommendations for Presentation to Provincial Government.

The Provincial conference of delegates of the Great War Veterans' Association met to-day at the room in Fort Street, to discuss the various land settlement schemes for returned soldiers submitted by the Association's local branches and Boards of Trade at

Vancouver, Victoria, Creston, Vernon, Kamloops and Nelson, and to formulate recommendations pertaining to soldier settlement for submission to the Provincial Government.

Walter Drinnan, president of the Vancouver branch, occupied the chair, with H. A. Lees, also of Vancouver, as secretary, and the delegates present included the following:

Vancouver, Major Shaw and Capt. Crompton; North Vancouver, H. A. Beestline; Creston, G. Constable; Nanaimo, A. E. Toombs; Qualicum, Sergt. H. N. Atkinson; Esquimalt, Sergt. Major Taylor; Ladysmith, Mrs. A. C. Frost; T. O. D. E.; Cowichan, Mrs. Blackwood-Willemah; Ladies' Auxiliary, G. W. A.; Victoria, Lieut. Rolston, Mr. French and Mrs. H. A. Williams.

CITY CHURCH SERVICES

ANGELICAN.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, March 24: Holy communion, 8 and 9.30 (choral), preacher, the Rev. E. G. Miller; matins, 11, preacher, the Dean; Men's Bible Class, 4 p.m.; evensong, 7, preacher, the Rev. T. M. Hughes; Wednesday, intercession service, 8 p.m. m22

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, Victoria, West, Rev. E. G. Miller, rector. At 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and litany; Sunday School, 2.30; evening prayer, 7 p.m. m22

ST. JOHN'S, Quadra Street, Rector, Rev. E. A. P. Chadwick, M.A. At 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer; 7.30 p.m., evensong, followed by Maunders' sacred cantata, "From Olivet to Calvary." m22

ST. MARK'S, Oak Bay, Palm Sunday. At 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., matins and sermon; 7 p.m., evensong and sermon. Rev. C. A. Little, B.D., acting rector. m22

ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL, Service in Memorial Chapel to-morrow, Sunday, 24th, at 10 a.m., consisting of morning prayer, hymns and sermon. Patients, nurses, members of hospital staff and the general public living in the district cordially invited. Next Sunday (Easter Day), holy communion at 10 a.m. m22

ST. COLUMBA, Mitchell and Granite Streets, Oak Bay, At 11 a.m., children's services, 1.30 p.m., "Responsibility and Privileges of Parents." The pastor, Rev. T. S. Baynes, will conduct both services. Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. All welcome. m22

KNOX, 235 Stanley Avenue. Morning service, 11 o'clock, preacher, Rev. W. L. MacRae; subject, "The Gradual Healing of the Blind Man." Evening service, 7.30, preacher, Mr. W. A. Myers, subject, "An Acquaintance That Ripened Into Love." m22

METHODIST.

CENTENNIAL, Gorge Road, near Government, Rev. A. S. Colwell, B.A., pastor. At 11 a.m., "Present Day Application of Christ's First Message," 7.30 p.m., "Our Duty in the Present Crisis." Good singing. Cordial welcome awaits you. m22

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE, Hall 18, Pemberton Block, Dr. Butler will speak at 11 a.m. on "The Signs That Follow," 7.30 p.m., Dominion Theatre, subject, "Life's New Meaning." m22

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENCE, 25 Pandora Avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for Sunday, March 24, Matter: Testimonial meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome. m22

UNITARIAN.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, Fernwood and Balmoral, Rev. E. T. Bowden, B.D., Service at 11; evening at 7.30. W. W. Haer, subject, "The Nature of the Soul." m22

LUTHERAN.

ST. PAUL'S, English, corner Princess and Chambers, Take Fernwood car. Services, Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. School, 2.30 p.m. Rev. Otto George Gerlich, pastor. m22

MICELLANEOUS.

CHRISTADELPHIAN HALL, 191 North Park Street, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; breaking of bread, 11 a.m.; evening, 7.30. m22

FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH meets at St. John's Hall, Herald Street; 3 p.m., H. Hood, subject, "The Kingdom of God." Psychic Messages, Circles, Monday and Thursday, 8 p.m. m22

HIGHER THOUGHT—Free lecture by F. E. Plummer in the Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, at 7.30 p.m. Solo by E. Price. Psychic messages. All welcome. m22

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2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
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9.45 a.m.—Young People's Service.

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10.30—Prayer Meeting.
11 a.m.—"The Holy Spirit in the World"
7.30 p.m.—"ARE WE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL AGE?"

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Fernwood Car Terminus.

REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
11 a.m.—"The Supreme Sacrifice on the Cross."
7.30 p.m.—"ISSACHAR THE STRONG ASS."

Strangers invited.
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On Wednesday, at 8 p.m., Rev. William Stevenson will deliver, in the church, a Lantern Lecture showing 77 most beautiful views in the world on the Life of Christ. Miss Mona Miesner will sing. Tickets, 25 cents.
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Cor. Yates and Quadra.

REV. P. CLIFTON PARKER, Pastor.
11 a.m.—
"MEN OF GRACE AND GRIT."
7.30 p.m.—
"A YOUNG MAN'S STRENGTH."

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AMENDMENT ACT HAS EXHAUSTIVE AIRING

Objection to Raising Age Limit to Sixteen; Want Term Reduced

Legislative Press Gallery, March 22.

No small amount of discussion marked a further committee stage on the second reading of the Act to amend the Industrial Schools Act this afternoon. Argument centred around that section of the Bill raising the age limit for admission into the Institution to sixteen, and having raised it that amount retaining that clause in the measure determining the sentence for the entrant at not less than two years. The wiping away of the age minimum

from the old Act was similarly a contentious point.

Pitiful Story.

The Leader of the Opposition touched off the ball by asking the Attorney-General why the age limit had been extended, and he further pressed the matter by transferring his concern to the boy of seven or eight. He visualized the little chap of tender years, whose exuberance of spirits had caused him to overstep boyhood's idea of propriety, standing before the Court without a friend in the world, while some hard-as-nails judge would demand the virtual pound of flesh. Mr. Farris wiped away a tear and reminded his honorable friend opposite that the virtues of reason and intelligence had not altogether vanished from this earthly plane. Such cases of course would be dealt with in a manner that would not translate the little nipper into the life class for criminals.

The Kill Joys.

J. W. Weart, the member for South Vancouver, reminded the House that the boy of sixteen was a vastly different chap even to the boy but a year or two his junior, and the idea of two years as the minimum—bringing the release date up to his eighteenth birthday—was, in his opinion, working a hardship and a loss to the state. Many a boy was doing a man's work even at sixteen—he had so done. The Attorney-General, however, reminded the

ex-Speaker that his placid career had not been punctuated by detected or punishable incorrigible moments. But apart from that, said Mr. Weart, the modus operandi of reporting the culprit for punishment was vesting wide powers on people who might after all come within that category with whom there was a more or less insatiable desire to compel everybody else to go to one church so many times a day, while failure to do so meant a figurative labelling for perdition. Discriminatory action on the part of a Probation Officer might tend to break the spirit of a bright boy of sixteen. Mr. Farris observed here that release within the two-year limit was provided for by Order-in-Council, that the boy was not sentenced by the Probation Officer, but by the Judge of the Juvenile Court, consequently he did not fear anything from that section of the populace whose chief aim in life was to shape the cut of other peoples' coats.

Impudent Nozes.

The member for Newcastle was fed up with trying to make people good by Act of Parliament. The Probation measure and other moral reforms had all pointed to the general tendency for the compulsory angelic. And now, he said, added to the Liberal party were a lot of old women sticking their impudent nozes into everything under the guise of social service and the polishing of morals; with this class of procedure directed at the juvenile he had a rooted objection.

J. G. Cowper, the fifth member for Vancouver, pleaded for a good deal more elasticity for the range and powers of the woman judge in these matters. Judge McInnes had told him that he usually remanded the incorrigible for five or six days, and although he caused the offender to remain in prison, there was no sentence. Those few days gave the boy a foretaste of what loss of liberty meant, with the result, he said, the whole tenor of the boy's life invariably became changed, the operation completed by the right sort of advice from the judge. When all reasonable measures failed, however, Mr. Cowper could see no other way but to punish accordingly.

The Attorney-General suggested that further consideration to the Bill might be advisable and the Committee reported progress.

SUNDAY CONCERT

Local Artists to Assist in Big Event Arranged in Aid of Red Cross.

A vocal and orchestral concert of forty performers will be given on Sunday, April 28, at the Royal Victoria Theatre, in aid of the Red Cross Fund.

Several of the city's leading musicians have promised their services. Should there be any instrumentalist who has not been personally reached and who would like to take part in the orchestra, he or she is requested to communicate with J. W. Bullock, musical director, Royal Victoria Theatre, phone 1381, or 5152.

The orchestral programme will include "Ruy Blas" (Mendelssohn), Suite de Concert (Coleridge-Taylor), "Sicilian Romance" and "Andante Bolero" (Bullock), and incidental music from "Columbus." Particulars may be obtained from Red Cross Headquarters or J. O. Dunford, of Dunford's, Limited, 1222 Government Street.

SHIPYARDS INQUIRY HERE IS CONCLUDED

Commission Will Take Evidence on Cost of Living at Vancouver Sessions

FURTHER EVIDENCE BY BUTCHART AND PRICE

At the end of yesterday afternoon's session of the Court of Inquiry which has been sitting here, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Murphy, since March 14 to investigate the shipping wages dispute, it was stated by Wm. Hardy, business agent of the shipyard laborers and helpers, Vancouver, that he could finish his case as well in Vancouver as here.

The chairman mentioned it was desired to get some line as to the cost of living, but he saw no reason why they should not get it at Vancouver by letter. Further, they could see ships and yards equally well at the Terminal. "Therefore," declared the chairman, "we are 'through' in Victoria, and will resume the commission on Monday at 11 a. m. at the Vancouver Court House."

Previous to the conclusion Commissioner Kelly asked R. P. Butchart if the latter could give figures of the comparative cost of completed hulls. "Are you prepared to furnish the Commissioner with that data without making it public?" he asked.

Butchart laughed. "Well," he said, "if the Commission will regard it as furnished in the strictest confidence—yes." The chairman accordingly arranged the information should be given Commissioner Kelly, who would communicate it to the other members, all of whom, he said, would treat it as confidential.

"You see," added Commissioner Kelly, "we want to know this in order to determine whether yard efficiency has increased with additional cost."

Owners to Pay Increase.

Chairman Murphy, at the opening of the afternoon session yesterday, announced that a member of Mr. J. H. Price's family had been taken ill, and Mr. Price desired to leave by the afternoon boat for San Francisco. Accordingly his evidence was taken first.

He was present at the Vancouver meeting on August 15, he told W. Hardy, and he did not think anything was agreed to on that occasion. Neither did he know of any telegram regarding wage scales being sent to R. Butchart, nor could he say that Mr. Cook, of the Loyal Company, did send a telegram.

"I put it up to Mr. Brown, who represented the owners, that if the increase did come through I should have to look to the owners to pay it, as I couldn't do so," said Mr. Price, agreeing that while he did not endorse the recommendation for the raising of wages to forty-five cents an hour he did not raise any objection. "I agreed," said witness, "that we would, on our own personal ships, pay the award the shipyards were paying on the Columbia River."

Would Claim on Board.

Asked whether, if Mr. Butchart had seen fit to instruct the yards under his jurisdiction to pay the forty-five cents an hour rate, he would have paid it in his yard, witness said "certainly" on the Munition Board work, but not on our private work. He saw Mr. Butchart after the conference, and told him that if the award came into force he would have to claim on him for their private work.

Questioned by Mr. Butchart as to whether he recollected telling him in his office that he did not agree to the forty-five cents per hour then being paid in yards to the south, witness said that he knew that if he did say he agreed to the rate of forty-five cents he must have been out of his mind. His chief object in going to the meeting was for the purpose of trying to make the labor people keep up to the agreement they had signed. He did not remember that, at the previous meeting of August 15, it was asserted that an agreement was come to. It was quite understood that all yards were to pay the same rate of wage.

Approved Unions.

R. P. Butchart then went on the witness stand, the chairman read the reports of the three August meetings in Vancouver, and witness was questioned on various points. It was suggested by Duncan McCallum that he had heard people say Mr. Butchart had issued instructions advocating non-recognition of unions, in reply Mr. Butchart stating that no one ever received such a communication from him, for, while favoring the open shop, he took the stand that the more members unions had, the better. He had never issued such instructions, and had no intention of issuing any such instructions.

In reply to another query witness said that Mr. J. D. McNiven received his instructions to visit Seattle, Portland and Tacoma from the Minister of Labor, Ottawa, and went at the expense of the Federal Government.

The report furnished by Mr. McNiven as to work and wages, etc., at these United States points was read by the chairman, after which James Dakers suggested that the employers over the border told Mr. McNiven—as was also the custom of employers here—only the lowest rates paid. He did not mean to say that Mr. McNiven's report was incorrect, for he had every confidence in that gentleman, but he sympathized with him in the very short time he had at his disposal to get his report.

J. E. McCormick, manager of the Foundation Co., said carpenters' helpers doing rough carpentering at the start were now some of the best shipwrights they had in the yards. Their own skilled work, at that time, had not developed. To retain them, they had to be paid the rate of their own trade.

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Mr. Henry Smith, a well-known and respected resident of St. Jerome, Que., says: "For upwards of a year I was a victim of rheumatism in a most painful form. The trouble was located in my legs and for a long time I was so bad that I could not walk. The suffering which I endured during that time can only be imagined by those who have been similarly afflicted. Doctors' treatment did not help me and then I began trying other remedies, but with no better results. Finally I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although I had begun to lose faith in medicine, I decided to give the pills a trial. I am very grateful to now that I did so, for after taking eight boxes of the pills the trouble completely disappeared. I was free from pain; the swelling in the points was gone, and I could walk as well as ever I did in my life. I have since taken the pills occasionally as a precautionary measure, and I cannot speak too highly in their favor and recommend them to all rheumatic sufferers."

Mr. A. E. Hinton, Western Ave., Toronto, says: "Up to about a year ago my wife had suffered for nearly three years from rheumatism, suffering greatly. She had been under the care of several doctors, besides spending dollars on advertised cures, but did not get any relief. One day talking to a fellow clerk, she said her sister had been cured of this trouble by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Although not feeling very hopeful, I took two boxes home that evening and urged my wife to try them. By the time they were used they had done her so much good that she required no prescriptive to continue the treatment, and after taking six or seven boxes she was completely cured. As I have said this was about a year ago, and she has had no return of the trouble since. I feel very grateful for the immense good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done my wife, and I hope other sufferers will benefit by her experience."

There has been no increase in the price of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are still sold at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50. If your home dealer cannot supply you they will be sent postpaid on receipt of price by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

This explained why a considerable number of semi-skilled French-Canadians, who were brought out here in June, were paid forty-five cents an hour.

ADVISES BEES AS FOOD PRODUCERS

Victoria Apiarist Advocates Honey Production in City Gardens

The problem of increased food production and its attendant theme of food conservation is a matter which looms large on the public horizon at the present time. One of the foods which Canadians have been asked to conserve, with a view to the avoidance of a possible and probable shortage, is sugar. At a recent meeting held in the city Professor Stevenson, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, advocated the growing of sugar beet in city gardens for the purpose of extracting the sweet juices for use in cooking. Now a further suggestion for the local production of a sugar substitute emanates from E. Fleming, of North Quadra Street.

Substitute For Sugar.

Mr. Fleming, who has had many years' experience as an apiarist, declares that honey, besides being of great medicinal value, may be used with excellent result for almost every purpose for which sugar is used. Ever since the first threatening of a sugar shortage he and his family have used it in tea and coffee and found it an excellent substitute for sugar. Honey is extensively used by the American housewife who is "hooverizing," and has been proved to make delicious cakes, bread, puddings, etc., but the high cost of imported honey has prevented its use to any great extent in this country. Such an objection would be removed, however, were bee-keeping to become more general.

Forage Far Afield.

Although this part of Canada can scarcely be called a good honey country on account of the sparsity of flora, as compared with such honey-producing states as California, Mr. Fleming from the depth of practical experience states that bee-keeping on a small scale could be profitably carried on in this city. Given a garden, or even the flat roof of a house, for the establishing of two or more colonies of bees and the veriest tyro should have little difficulty in producing a good supply of honey. He dispels as a fallacy the old idea that bees will not travel far from the hive in search of forage, and states that they will go from two to five miles in search of it. Mr. Fleming has also proved that bees will thrive even when kept close by the sea, although it is generally supposed that they will not live near salt water. He had great success with an apiary at

Esquimaux when the hives were within one hundred feet of the beach.

Need Little Attention.

Local honey is somewhat dark in color, but of excellent flavor and an average colony of bees will produce between forty and seventy pounds in a season. The would-be apiarist should purchase a colony in May or June when the bees are beginning to swarm, as then they are cheapest, a colony costing about four or five dollars. Mr. Fleming states that there are no very great difficulties attendant upon bee-keeping. The few details regarding the care of the bees could be readily mastered with the aid of one of the many books upon the subject, but he declares that the main point to be remembered is that the bees thrive best when given a roomy hive and then left alone. They should not be pestered with attentions.

Hundreds of Tons Lost.

In view of the fact that many hundreds of tons of honey go to waste every year, Mr. Fleming's suggestion seems to be one worthy of consideration by those citizens who are patriotically exerting every effort that the men in the trenches and the civilian population of the Allied countries be not denied the necessities of life.

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APPLE-PACKING CLASSES

Few Vacancies Remain in New Class to Be Held at Y. W. C. A.

Next Week.

This afternoon a "speed test" will mark the conclusion of one of the three apple-packing classes which have been in progress at the Y. W. C. A. during the past week. The other two classes will continue throughout next week, and in addition a third class has been arranged, and will be held during the hours of 10-12 a. m. and 2-5 p. m. each day next week, March 25 to 30. There still remain a few vacancies in this class, and girls desirous of joining it are requested to communicate without delay, with Miss Marlett, the Y. W. C. A. secretary. Application may be made by telephone or in person.

The students have shown the greatest interest in the classes, and quickly grasp the salient points to be observed in picking apples for market. As in every branch of manual work, practice makes perfect, and it requires considerable experience before the packers achieve the dexterity which has been acquired by the teacher. An expert packer can pick up an apple and its paper wrapping to which she gives a deft twist while her free hand has already taken up the next apple. Seemingly easy of accomplishment, the packing of apples for market is indeed an art.

Returned Soldiers' Meeting.—All returned men are asked to attend a meeting at the Great War Veterans' Association rooms on Tuesday next at 8 p. m. All men, whether members of any soldiers' organization or not, are especially invited.

Local Copyright.—In The Canada Gazette is the following in the list of new copyrights: "The Messages From Patmos: A Paraphrase of the Revelation of John." By Robert E. Collis, B. A. (Lit. Work.) Temporary Copyright. Robert E. Collis, B. A. Victoria, British Columbia, March 12.

Wounded in Thigh.—Mrs. McPeck, Pendergast Street, has received information that her son, Eric, A. H. McPeck, has received a severe gunshot wound in the right thigh, and was admitted into the 16th Philadelphia, U. S. A. General Hospital, at La Treport, France, on February 22.

Spiritual Retreat.—Father S. Kelly, O. P., will conduct a spiritual retreat for the people in St. Andrew's Cathedral during holy week as a preparation for the exercises of the evening of Palm Sunday and close on Holy Saturday at five. They will consist of holy mass and a sermon in the morning, with a sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. At all the services special prayers will be offered for our soldiers, living and departed, and for the triumph of freedom and right.

Motor Stolen.—While Mr. and Mrs. John Wood were in the Dominion Theatre last evening, their motor car, which they had left in the near vicinity of the picture house, was stolen. Mr. Wood notified the City Police and also the Provincial authorities and learned from the former that a car bearing the license number 10164 had been challenged by a patrolman on Quadra and Johnson Streets last night because it was burning no headlights. The occupants, two men, replied to the constable's warning by speeding up the machine. The car is a Ford of the 1917 model. No trace of it has as yet been found.

Colwood Women's Institute.—The regular monthly meeting of this institute was held on Tuesday, March 19. Among other items of business the communication from the Department of Agriculture regarding the "soldiers of the soil" movement was discussed. It was agreed to establish an enrollment bureau in the neighborhood. One of the members, Mrs. Demers, Colwood, kindly undertaking the work. All those wishing to make application, either farmers or boys, will please notify her. The Institute members also agreed to contribute towards the sending of a weekly periodical to a Canadian Hospital in France. Mrs. H. Parker undertook the work of convener for the Red Cross in place of Mrs. Peatt, who has left the neighborhood.

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PREPARATIONS FOR AUTOMOBILE SEASON

Craigflower Bridge to Colwood Road Will Be Put in Good Shape

C. L. Harris, of the Island Automobile Association, in an interview with Mr. Ferguson, provincial Engineer in the Department of Public Works, has been assured that the Government will see that the road from Craigflower Bridge to Colwood is put in good condition before the tourist season opens. Mr. Harris is leaving, next week, for a trip round the Georgian Circuit, during which he will interview all the motor clubs and principal hotels in an effort to stimulate additional interest throughout the whole circuit in automobile travel.

In reference to the request from the Cobble Hill Board of Trade that two signs, warning drivers from speeding past Cobble Hill station, should be put up, Mr. Harris states these signs are being made, and will be erected in a very short time.

Guest Cards for 1,518 of the Association are now being put out throughout the country, the names of the card containing a list of official garages and hotels around the Georgian Circuit and the back a miniature map of the circuit. Among the appreciative acknowledgments Mr. Harris has already received are those from the Travel Club of America, New York, and the Chanslor and Lyon Company, of Seattle, the former stating it will appreciate a further supply, and the latter that they are looking forward to having some of the members of their firm from California make the trip with them.

COUNTY COURT JUDGMENTS

Judge Lammman's Decisions in Williams vs. Mitchell and Ferris vs. Willard.

Judge Lammman yesterday handed down judgments in the County Court actions of William vs. Mitchell and Ferris vs. Willard.

In the former case the judgment is to the effect that plaintiff is entitled to a net amount of \$98.27, and the defendant's counter-claim for damages and an injunction is dismissed. "As the plaintiff wins generally he is entitled to costs," adds the judgment, "but as defendant is successful as to some items he is entitled to some costs, and I, therefore, direct that plaintiff's costs be taxed and that one-quarter thereof be deducted and the balance be paid by defendant to plaintiff."

Ferris vs. Willard. The judgment in the case of Ferris vs. Willard is that the plaintiff is nonsuited, as asked by counsel for the defence. This case arose through plaintiff, while driving his motor car on the Saanich Road, being run into by a motor car belonging to defendant, with the result that plaintiff claimed to have suffered personal injuries and his car was damaged.

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, head of the Social Service Department of the Methodist Church of Canada, will speak at the James Bay Methodist Church, on Monday, the 25th inst., at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

Returns on Sunday.—Lieut. Jack Blythe, Assistant Adjutant of the 6th Battalion, who left here for overseas a year ago, is returning to the city on Sunday.

James Island Cases.—In the Provincial Police Court yesterday a charge against two employees at James Island of theft from a scow was dismissed. Another similar charge, against Charles Braga, will be heard on Wednesday.

Dies in England.—Information has been received here that Gunner R. Pollock, who left Victoria with a draft from the R. C. G. A., Esquimalt, July, 1916, and had been in France a year, died at the King George and Queen Mary Hospital, England, on March 17.

Local Improvement Bonds.—Formal notice is posted at the City Hall, for introduction to the Council on Monday, of a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to offer about \$18,000 worth of local improvement bonds at seven per cent.

Is Dismissed.—Magistrate Jay dismissed this morning the charge against John R. Green for speeding on the Church Hill on March 2. There was an accident to Mr. Green's Ford car, in which his shoulder was dislocated, and the question for the court was whether it was due to the act of the driver in travelling too fast on a public street. The Magistrate commented on the conflicting character of the evidence of speed and stated that the evidence for the defence weighed in favor of accused. There will be a civil action with regard to the car, it was stated.

The Fifth Regt. Band

Assisted by Mr. Thos. Kelway in vocal solos, will render the following programme next

Sunday Evening,

in the Royal Victoria Theatre, commencing at 8.15 o'clock:

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Overture—The Bridal Rose..... Lavalley
Vocal Solo—Selected..... Rimmer
Grand Selection—Faust..... Gounod
Vocal Solo—Selected..... Rimmer
Selection—The Pirates of Penzance..... Rimmer
Selection—Iris-a-Bras..... Rimmer
Selection—Milk and Honey..... Rimmer
God Save the King.
Bandmaster W. Smith, conductor. Mrs. A. J. Gibson, accompanist.

BURIAL OF MR. MACABE

Impressive Scenes Mark the Consignment of Old-Time Resident to His Last Resting Place.

Amid every evidence of the sorrowing esteem of a wide circle of friends, the remains of the late Thomas Brennan Macabe were consigned to their last resting place at Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the family residence, 496 Simcoe Street, at 2.30, the Rev. P. H. Patt officiating. The floral tributes were especially beautiful and so profuse in quantity that six additional motor cars were needed to convey them to the cemetery.

After leaving the house the funeral was taken charge of by Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member of many years standing. At the graveside the Masonic burial service was read by W. M. Brother E. P. Allen, assisted by Brother the Rev. P. H. Patt, and the customary sprigs of evergreen accented emblematic of the imperishability of the soul, were cast into the open grave. A large delegation from the Knights of Pythias Lodge were among the congregation which gathered at the graveside to pay their last respects to deceased.

The pallbearers, all from the ranks of the Masonic Order, were: M. W. Bro. A. McKenna, W. M. Bro. Stephen Jones, Bro. J. S. H. Matson, Bro. Richard Day, Bro. R. A. Renwick and Bro. Wm. Mable.

HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Reports of Year's Activities Presented at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the members and congregation of the Emmanuel Baptist Church was held on Wednesday evening. The proceedings opened with an excellent supper served in the school-room by the Ladies' Aid. The good things provided being enjoyed by a big assembly.

Following the repast adjournment was made to the church, where, under the chairmanship of the pastor, Rev. Wm. Stevenson, the various reports were presented. The past year had been one of steady work and substantial growth. The finances of the church were shown to be in a most healthy condition, owing to the co-operation of all branches. The missionary contribution had been doubled; current expenses had been met, and the pastor's salary had been raised. A sum had been set aside to pay off the mortgage, and money raised for the extension fund. For this purpose the pastor was in the vestry for some hours to receive gifts and promises, and met with a most generous response, making it possible to have in sight nearly the whole amount of the cost of enlarging the school-room. The Sunday School had outgrown the accommodation during the past year, making imperative the enlargement of the building.

The pastor read a letter received from the oldest member of Emmanuel Church, a lady, who recently celebrated her ninety-second birthday. Tribute was paid to those who are now serving overseas, and after the election of officers for the forthcoming year, the singing of "Blest Be the That Binds," and pronouncing of the benediction, brought the meeting to a close.

COMFORTS WELCOMED

Secretary Estabrook of Y. M. C. A. Will Take Up Quarters at Willows Camp To-day.

Military Secretary Estabrook, of the local Y. M. C. A., will take up his quarters to-day at the Willows Camp, where he will remain until the quarantine is lifted, in order to give direct and personal attention to the Association work there. To-day Mr. Estabrook expressed the view that the many Victorians who had aided the military Y. M. C. A. in the past would be anxious to co-operate still in providing such comforts for the quarantined men as the secretary will refer to from time to time through the press.

Sergt. Smith, Mr. Estabrook's associate, will in the meantime, pending the lifting of the quarantine, continue his work in the interests of the other units served by the Y. M. C. A. in this district. At the same time he is ready to call with the "Y" car at the residences of Victorians who may have comforts for the men in the camps. Sergt. Smith may be communicated with at the Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Estabrook at the Willows Camp.

Esquimalt Police Court.—George Sampson was fined by Magistrate Jay in the Esquimalt Police Court this morning, \$6 on a charge of being drunk.

Gets Bar to D. S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gardner, of this city, have heard from the Old Country that their nephew, Flight-Commander J. S. Struthers, R. N. A. S., who was awarded the D. S. C. for good work over the North Sea last fall, has since been given two bars to the decoration.

Adams's White Wyandotte lay at five months, gain one pound per month; chicks, 25c each. George D. Adams, R. M. D. No. 1, Phone Belmont.

Women to Welcome Returning Men.—At last night's meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association, the members made arrangements to turn out in force to welcome the First Contingent men who are expected to arrive in Victoria next week. After the welcome the returned men will be entertained to tea in the refreshment cottage which the Auxiliary maintains opposite the wharf. A series of entertainments will be given during the coming month by the Auxiliary, the first being a card party in the G. W. V. A. rooms on April 3, to which the general public are invited. The next will be a supper and concert at Esquimalt Military Hospital on April 8, and on Primrose Day there will be a dance in the Hippodrome.

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- 2442—Rock-a-Bye Land. Henry Burr.
- 2314—There's Something About You Makes Me Love You. Sam Ash.
- 2303—There's a Million Reasons Why I Shouldn't Kiss You. Sam Ash.
- 2302—I Called You My Sweetheart. Henry Burr.
- 2295—Help! Help! I'm Sinking. Anna Wheaton.
- 2276—That Creepy, Weekly Feeling. Anna Wheaton.
- 2274—Oh! Jack, When Are You Coming Back? Billy Burton.

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METCHOSIN ACTIVITIES

Women's Institute of District Arranges Big Red Cross Event for Easter Monday.

The Metchosin Women's Institute will hold a sale of work at Metchosin Hall on Easter Monday, April 1, in aid of the Red Cross and Prisoners of War. The energetic members of this institute have been working for some time

past to make this event a great success, and they hope their efforts will receive whole-hearted support from all parts of the district. The proceedings will open at 3 p. m. and following the sale of work a musical novelty is to be given by a troupe of local artists who will present a complete midget minstrel programme, specially written for the occasion. In the evening refreshments will be served, followed by dancing, for which good music has been engaged.

OF VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

BOXERS WHO HAVE PAID SACRIFICE

Both French and British Fighters Have Fallen in Action

FIRST LIST OF RING MEN WHO HAVE DIED

The first official list of well-known European boxers killed in action in France has been secured from Victor Breyer, the well-known French correspondent, who served his three years in the trenches over there. There have been many reports of boxers who have been injured or killed at the front, but never any official list given out and the information at hand will no doubt be interesting to thousands of boxing fans in this country.

French Boxers Killed.
Bernard—Killed in an aeroplane accident at the front. He was one of the best, if not the best, middleweights in France, and had beaten such men as Marcel Moreau, Adrian Hogan and also some of the best British middleweights.

Henri Piet—One of the best French lightweights. Mr. Breyer mentions that the fans here will no doubt recall Piet for his boxing during 1909 and 1910 around Philadelphia and other places against such boys as Ad Wolgast, Maurice Sayers, Louder, Tommy O'Keefe, Tommy Langdon, etc.

Gaston Clement—Who at one time held the French featherweight title and who boxed a number of times in London, but never visited the States.

Lacroix—Holder of the welterweight title in France and considered a high class boxer from every point of view.

Robert Loesch—A most promising lightweight whose battles were mostly with French boys and a few from London.

Morocco Casters—Son of the well-known professor and exponent of the French method called "Savate." Casters was considered an excellent boxer, but he never held any championship in France.

British Boxers Killed.
Peter Brown—Who about ten years ago figured in the first flight of English middleweights and who had many battles against the best boys in the big metropolis.

Tom McCormick—One of the most scientific welterweights developed in England, and who had defeated such stars as Johnny Summers and Albert Badoud, the Swiss champion. McCormick had been in Australia, and won the championship there when he defeated Summers, and when he returned to England he made a remarkably fine showing.

Bill Ladbury—One of the best flyweights in Europe and who had a decision over Charlie Ledoux, the French champion. Ladbury had fought for the championship in England on three different occasions.

Jerry Delaney—Brother of Fred and one of the gamest fighters and hardest hitters ever developed there. Delaney was so well thought of that his home people have erected a monument to his memory.

George Wells—Brother of the famous and well-known Bombarrier Wells, champion. While George was not so well-known as his brother, he was considered a high class boxer.

UNITED SERVICE CLUB DECIDES COURSE SHALL BE OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Links of the United Service Golf Club will be kept opening during the summer months as a result of a decision of the executive. May, June, July, August and September will thus be added to the months during which golfers will be seen on the course. Subscriptions, \$1.50 monthly, will be payable in advance. It was stated at a meeting held recently that about fifty per cent. of the membership had already promised to support the proposed undertaking. This, it is felt, will be considerably increased.

NOW DENIES REPORT.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.—Napoleon Lajoie, whose purchase was announced by the Brooklyn Nationals, denied last night that he would report to the Brooklyn team.
"Reports that I will report to the Brooklyn club are not true," said Lajoie. "I have given my word to Mr. McGill, owner of the Indianapolis club that if the International League does not continue this year I will manage the Indianapolis club. I do not care about going to the National League anyway."



IS ELECTED COMMODORE.



M. F. MEREDITH
is the newly-elected Commodore of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. The election of officers for the year took place at the annual general meeting of the Club held on Tuesday evening last.

VANCOUVER EXPECTS A WIN IN SECOND

Big Ice Battle Will Be Played at Toronto To-Night

Toronto, March 22.—Vancouver and Toronto will meet in the second game of the Stanley Cup series to-night, and the Pacific Coast champions probably will be favorites for the game, as it will be played under western rules, which are very strange to the easterners. In addition seven men will be on the ice instead of six. According to Frank Patrick the western style speeds up the play as the players can take passes inside the restricted area and thus save the time necessary to bring the puck up. It is questionable how effective the Blueshirts will be under this style of play, but they have been practicing faithfully and expect to make a good showing.

Noble has recovered and will play centre for the Blueshirts, with Corbett Deuneny as rover. "Speed" Moynes will be the seventh man on the Vancouver lineup. The game will be played under western rules and the Toronto are not overly confident of winning.

OAK BAY BASKETBALL TEAMS WERE SEEN IN ACTION LAST NIGHT

An eventful season of basketball for the boys of the Oak Bay High School was brought appreciably nearer to a close last evening when a senior match was played between the boys and the Crusaders. The Crusaders once again proved too strong for their opponents. The Oak Bay team put up a stiff fight, but went down to defeat with a score of forty-one to twenty-two.

Earlier in the evening the junior boys of the Oak Bay High School played a team of St. Mary's Church. The home team won thirty-one to twenty, although their opponents played better ball following the interval they were unable to overtake the lead of the home club.

Of the basketball games in which the Oak Bay boys have featured it may be said that the proceeds have netted about \$35 for the district branch of the Red Cross Society.

POSITION FOR WILLIAMS LOOKS PRETTY SECURE

Portland, March 22.—Following a conference with Frank Farr, president of the Spokane baseball club, here yesterday, it became known that Nick Williams, manager of the club for several seasons, has been offered a block of stock in the club and increase in salary to handle the team again this year. Williams had been dickering with a team in the Shipyard League and did not give President Farr a final answer, but there is said to be little doubt that he will manage the Spokane ball tossers. He has asked the shipyard team to release him from a tentative agreement that had been reached.

FOUGHT A DRAW.

Muncie, Ind., March 22.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, and "Steamboat Bill" Scott, of Toledo, fought ten rounds to a draw here last night before a large crowd. Dillon forced the fighting, but Scott put up a fine defence. Dillon was knocked to the floor in the tenth round.

GROUND CHANGED.

Following yesterday's announcement of the football officials that the game between the Navy and the Victoria Wests would be played at the Canteen grounds it was decided late last night to play the match at the Royal Athletic Park.

NEWSPAPER DECISION.

Des Moines, Ia., March 22.—Tommy Gibbons, of St. Paul, won a newspaper decision over Gus Christie, the Indianapolis middleweight in their twelve-round bout here last night.

PLENTY OF HORSES NOW IN MARYLAND

Transportation Difficulties Do Not Threaten to Mar Racing

Baltimore, March 22.—No matter what difficulties as regards transportation the horsemen who have planned to race their thoroughbreds in the East this coming season may encounter because of war conditions, the impending spring meetings in Maryland, which are scheduled to begin at Bowie on April 1 and continue, at Havre de Grace and Pimlico, until May 17, will not want for horses. There are already at Benning and Bowie, Havre de Grace, the Gentlemen's Driving Park, and at divers private training places scattered through the state a variety of runners. Never before has the Old Line State wintered such considerable numbers of runners. At Benning, which belongs economically and geographically, if not politically, to Maryland, are Omar Khayyam and Westy Hogan, Brooke, the Texas-bred jumper, which won the Manly Memorial steeplechase at Pimlico last fall; John Lumsden's \$100,000 lot of imported flat runners and jumpers; Edward Beale McLean's two dozen high-priced two-year-olds, and the stout sprinter Leochares; Wilfrid Vau's dozen promising young fillies, one of which—Tank, a gigantic British colt by Fowling Piece—cost \$4,500; Harry Payne Whitney's twenty-odd second string two-year-olds; Samuel Res's stable of twenty, including Ultimatum, Crank, The Porter, and Colonel Cluff, the last two named being prospective starters in the coming \$15,000 Preakness Stakes; J. S. Tyree's lot, which includes King Neptune and Sweep Up II., another formidable Preakness candidate, and the many jumpers and flat runners of the strong establishment William Garth is training for Captain Hal Parr and A. S. Corden, of Baltimore.

CANADIAN ATHLETES DECORATED FOR ACT OF GREAT GALLANTRY

London, March 22.—J. L. Gordon and G. R. Hodgson, of Montreal, have been awarded the Board of Trade Medal for saving life at sea.

George R. Hodgson is the son of T. E. Hodgson, of Montreal, and is one of the best known swimmers of Canada. He was the Canadian Olympic swimming champion, played for the M. A. A. A. and was regarded as one of the best athletes that Canada ever produced. He was studying science at McGill when along with J. Lindsay Gordon, the other lieutenant honored, he joined the naval air service.

J. L. Gordon is a St. Lambert, Que., boy, who was also studying at McGill. The medals have been awarded to the two lieutenants for picking up, about a year ago, two airmen who had been drifting in the North Sea for two days in a disabled hydroplane.

MANY ATHLETIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TO-DAY

New York, March 22.—Several intercollegiate contests and conferences, the outcome of which will have important bearing on Eastern college sports will be held here to-day.

A group of the Eastern colleges which support rowing will have delegates present at a special conference of crew managers and captains to consider plans and dates for various dual and triangular regattas.

The executive committee of the National Lawn Tennis Association will meet to pass on the dates to be assigned for the important tournaments of the season.

Columbia University will act as host to both varsity wrestlers and fencers who will compete for the annual individual and team championships.

EMPRESS BILLIARDS REACH SECOND DIVISION

Three games were decided last evening in the handicap billiard tournament now being played at the Empress Hotel.

H. Smith (scratch) won from Switzer (twos 25) by 49 odd points. The winner's best break was 23 and that of his opponent 32.

Felding (scratch) won from Topp (twos 25), the winner's best being 26 to the loser's 21.

In the second division, Hall (receives 25) won from Scott (receives 15), the winner's best break being 32 unfinished.

SENIOR BASKETBALL GAMES AT Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM TO-NIGHT

To-night at the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. senior basketball will again hold the floor. The Metropolitan A team will play the Three C's following which the Congregationalists will try their odds against the Presbyterian A. Needless to say a large attendance is expected in view of the ever-increasing interest with which the fortunes of senior basketball have been followed for some time past. With practically a few of the games of the first division played the standard of team performance has greatly improved and continual development is looked for.

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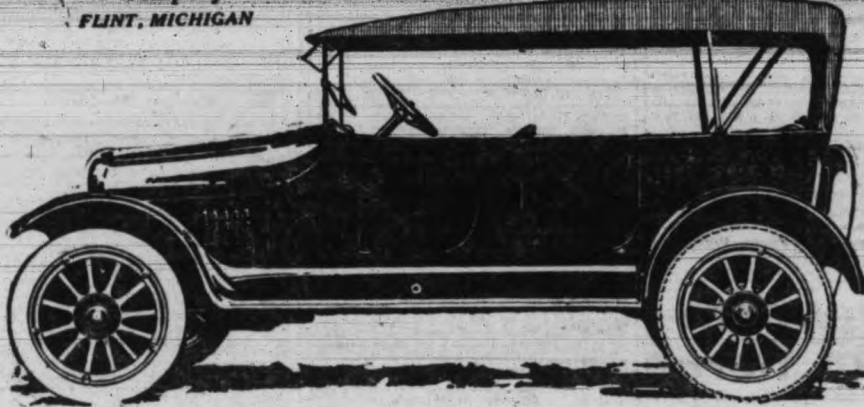
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NORTHWESTERN MEN WIN AT SWIMMING

Four Records Broken; Three by Earle, of Chicago, the Star

Chicago, March 22.—Northwestern swimmers won the northwestern conference swimming championship by scoring 42 1-3 points in last night's meet.

Chicago was second with 29 1-3 points and Wisconsin third with 25; Illinois 3 and Indiana 1-3 followed. Four records were broken, three of them being made by Earle, of Chicago, who was the individual star of the meet.

Earle won the 40-yard swim in 19 1-5 seconds, four seconds better than the old conference record. He captured the 250-yard swim in 2:31 1-5 seconds, beating the former conference record of 2:33 4-5. In the 100-yard swim Earle made the distance in 59 seconds, 1-5 of a second better than the previous mark.

Biersach, of Wisconsin, took first place in the 200-yard breast stroke event, making the distance in 2:44, one second better than the old record.

The relay race, which was added to the events this year, was won by Wisconsin, with Chicago second and Northwestern, third.

SPECIAL FOOTBALL MEETING SETTLES SEVERAL MATTERS

At a special meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association held in Christ Church schoolroom last evening, the Kroeger-Moulton incident of last Saturday's game at Oak Bay was disposed with when the players were cautioned not to be responsible for a recurrence. According to the report of Referee Lockley the fray was not so serious as at first imagined.

The protest of the Garrison B team against the victory credited the V. I. A. A. team last Wednesday was thrown out on the interpretation of a rule making the referee's decision on questions of facts of field play final.

A protested game between the High School B and the Beacon Hill teams in the Junior League was ordered to be replayed.

Public Dance every Saturday evening at Alexandra Ballroom. Ozard's Orchestra. Mrs. Boyd, manager.

EASTER GOLF AT OAK BAY COURSE

Red Cross Will Benefit to Extent of Competition Proceeds

Announcement was made to-day of the Easter golf competitions that will be played on the Oak Bay links. The proceeds of which will be given to the Oak Bay branch of the Red Cross Society.

Entrance fees in the singles will be \$1 and in the foursomes \$1 for each couple. Players will arrange for opponents and in the foursomes will choose their partners and opponents.

Post entries will be received and it is further stated that visitors may play in all events except the Rainbow Cup. The dates fixed for the various events are as follows:

Friday, March 22—Rainbow Cup. Saturday, March 23—Men's eclectic handicap singles.

Monday, April 1—Mixed foursomes eclectic handicap. Tuesday, April 2—Ladies' handicap singles, eighteen holes against Bogey.

Wednesday, April 3—Ladies' foursomes.

TEAM OF MARINES

The water polo team that will play the V. I. A. A. on Tuesday next at the pool of the New Drill Hall in the Little & Taylor challenge cup competition will be composed of it is said, principally of marines of H. M. Cruiser now in port. The team is reported to have plenty of ability.

WRESTLERS MATCHED.

Waterloo, Ia., March 22.—Wladek Zbyzsko and Charlie Cutler have been matched to meet in a finish wrestling match here April 3, local promoters have announced.

Efforts to secure Joe Stecher as Zbyzsko's opponent failed, Stecher declaring he was in the market for a match with Earl Caddock only.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

Assessment Roll

Court of Revision

Notice is hereby given that the first sitting of the Annual Court of Revision will be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Oak Bay Avenue, at 4 p. m. on Monday, April 23, 1918, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessments as made by the Assessor and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll for the year 1918.

CLAS E. HILDRETH, C. M. C.

March 19, 1918.

CORPORATION TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Notice is hereby given that the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1918 has been filed in the Treasurer's Office, Esquimalt, and may there be inspected. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment as shown on the Roll may file a petition against such assessment with the Council not later than April 1, 1918.

G. H. FULLEN, C. M. C.
Dated at Esquimalt this 1st day of March, 1918.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Malahat Drive is closed on account of the dangerous condition of the road, from now until the end of March.

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER.

ESQUIMALT DOG TAX.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Tax is due and payable at the Municipal Office, Esquimalt, on or before the 21st day of March, 1918. Owners who have failed to pay by the above date are liable to legal proceedings without further notice.

G. H. FULLEN, Treasurer.
Esquimalt, March 14th, 1918.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 38.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Elsie Munro as the owner in fee-simple under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt to Elsie Munro, bearing date the 30th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 1st day of September, 1914, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the District of Esquimalt, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as: Lot 8, of part of Suburban Lot 8, Map 61A.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 30 days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Elsie Munro as owner in fee.

I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues. Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 21st day of November, A.D. 1917.

J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General.
To G. H. Stewart Esq., Assessed Owner.

Police Uniforms Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 25, 1918, for the supply of 25 Police Uniforms. Specifications can be obtained at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Police Uniforms."

A marked cheque for five per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. GALT, City Purchasing Agent.

boo. Fair, mild weather prevails in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 33; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .14; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 35; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .15; weather, raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 62; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .15; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 14; wind, 24 miles E.; snow, .10; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, minimum yesterday, 36; wind, 13 miles E.; rain, .25; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 59; minimum, 42; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Grand Forks—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; rain, .22.

Temperature. Max. Min.

San Francisco 64 .. 44
Penticton 57 .. 37
Cranbrook 57 .. 37
Calgary 57 .. 37
Edmonton 52 .. 32
Qu'Appelle 50 .. 30
Winnipeg 50 .. 30
Toronto 50 .. 30
Ottawa 50 .. 30
St. John 50 .. 30
Halifax 50 .. 30

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NICOL'S S. C. REDS, champions of B.C. Eggs for sale, \$2.50. 1733 Bank St. a1-29
WHITE WYANDOTTES and R. C. Rhode Island Red eggs, \$1 and \$2 per setting. \$2 per hundred. Apply to W. J. Mitchell, 342 George Road, Phone 3212, or corner of View and Bannard.

BLACK MINORCA, Rhode Island, Barred Rock, White Wyandottes, Pekin Ducks, 11 setting. Walton, M. L. Toime. Phone 3881. a1-29
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EVERYONE INTERESTED in poultry should read poultry, Pigeons and Poultry, 10c per copy. 321 Yates St. m2-29

BAIKED ROCK and Wyandotte eggs, from my prize winners, \$1.50 setting. \$1.50 per setting and up; chicks, \$2.50. Phone 622. Laity, 2830 Cedar Hill Road. m2-29

R. C. RHODE ISLANDS—Hatching eggs from my prize winners at \$5 and \$2.50 a setting of 15 eggs. W. H. Wilson, 427 Standard Ave. Victoria. m2-29

R. I. REDS, \$1 per setting. 1911 Belmont Avenue. Phone 7321. a2-29

S. C. WHITE LEGHORN EGGS for hatching, heavy laying strain; \$1.50 for 15 eggs. 517 Langford St. W. J. Mitchell, 342 George Road, Phone 3212, or corner of View and Bannard.

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BRITISH QUIETLY WATCH BIG FIGHT

Their Attitude is That It is Serious but Not Alarming

London, March 23.—"Serious but not alarming," sums up the reception by London of to-day's news from the front in France.

It is pointed out that in battles of such dimensions the attacking forces, by employing troops regardless of sacrifices, are nearly always enabled to force first line positions.

The Evening News in its comment on the situation refers to the failure of the British report to say anything about prisoners and adds: "In the matter of figures our opponents have been notoriously inexact."

The military expert of The Westminster Gazette says that the Germans began their offensive partly through excessive egotism and also in desperation. "We have upset the calculations of the enemy's defensive by our ascendancy in the air, which, not being temporary, presented a situation likely to

become intolerable if by bombing the lines of communication it had not become intolerable already," says the writer. "Were that state of affairs to continue the morale of the German army on the defensive would be destroyed. It is not the enemy but we who have forced the pace."

Statement by Clemenceau.

Paris, March 23.—Premier Clemenceau appeared for a few minutes in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies to-night and told the Deputies that the news he had received from British Headquarters gave him a satisfactory impression.

Enemy Made to Suffer.

Washington, March 23.—French official dispatches regarding a statement by Premier Clemenceau in the lobby of the House of Deputies quote the Premier as saying information which had reached him was that the resistance of the British army on the lines of the Aisne and the Scarpe had been magnificent and that the Germans had suffered extraordinarily heavy losses.

GERMANS SAY THEY CAPTURED ROISEL FROM THE BRITISH

Berlin, March 23.—Roisel, between eleven and twelve miles northwest of St. Quentin, and Marquais were stormed by German troops in their attack on the British, according to an official statement issued here to-day.

ENEMY PRESSING IN SOMME CANAL REGION

Also on British Right Flank Near Ham and in the North

British Army Headquarters in France, March 23.—It was reported this morning that enemy infantry had pushed down across the Canal de la Somme and had driven forward against the positions which the British had retired. German cavalry was seen advancing behind the infantry.

There was small doubt that the attacking forces intended to make a supreme effort to rupture the British line in this sector.

The Germans this afternoon were pressing the attack hard on the British right flank near Ham, while on the northern end of the battlefield there has been desperate fighting since yesterday about Mory, which has changed hands several times.

Airmen Fighting.

London, March 23.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France wires:

Our airmen are doing valiant service, flying low and attacking enemy flying formations which are attacking our trenches with machine guns.

At one point eight German divisions attacked on a front held by eight battalions. Our front line had been destroyed by weight of metal, but the supports achieved a great defence and not only held the enemy, but compelled his withdrawal.

On Thursday evening three divisions of Germans lost a certain number of guns, though entering our barrage.

Gas shells have been largely used and we have been employing projectors, neutralizing the whole of the enemy's batteries thereby.

Enemy's Forces.

London, March 23.—The Reuter correspondent at British Headquarters in France says forty-six German divisions have been identified thus far on the battlefield and prisoners have been taken from eighteen of them. Some estimates place the number of German divisions engaged as high as ninety, but it is impossible to say whether this is accurate.

London, March 23.—The artillery preparation of the Germans for the drive against the British lines in France which is now in progress is described by those who took part in it as the most violent they ever endured, according to The Daily Mail's correspondent on the British front.

"The thing that stands out as characteristic of the fighting up to the present," says the correspondent, "is that we did so well under the terrific impact."

Continuing, the correspondent says: "On the front of one corps there was a gun every few yards. The mortars which the enemy brought up in such great numbers sent over such an overwhelming weight of iron and high explosives that on most parts of the front trenches were obliterated. At the same time all of our known battery positions were drenched with gas, but their gas shells failed to reach all of our batteries. Nor did they succeed anywhere in breaking down our wire. At one point where the Germans found our wire unbroken, they set to work with scissors until they had made a way through, an incident reminiscent of the methods of fighting inculcated by Frederick the Great. All of this was done under our machine gun fire."

"A curious fact reported by our airmen was that the Germans, composing the special assault divisions were new uniforms. 'Got on their best clothes for a visit to Paris,' commented one of our generals.

Aviators Busy.

"Our flying corps did its best work despite adverse weather conditions."

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Positions Farther Back in France Had Been Prepared for Use

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FINANCIAL NEWS

LIQUIDATION STILL IN NEW YORK STOCKS

Sentimental Selling To-day Based on Nature of War News

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

New York, March 23.—The stock market here has become accustomed to having to absorb large offerings of stock from nervous holders in these days of varying fortunes of war. To-day's session saw the investor stand aside while weak speculative accounts were eliminated and the professional bear taking advantage of the situation. The entire list gave way as long stock was freely handled out. The market closed as it had opened, showing every sign of weakness.

Open High Low Last
Allis-Chalmers 24 1/2 25 1/2 24 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar 7 1/2 7 3/4 7 1/2
Am. Sugar Refining 102 103 102
Am. Can. Co. 41 40 40
Am. Car Foundry 74 74 74
Am. Cotton Oil 31 31 31
Am. Locomotive 62 62 62
Am. Smelt. & Ref. 77 76 77
Am. T. & Tel. 100 100 100
Am. Wool. 50 49 50
Am. Steel Foundry 62 62 62
Anaconda Mining 62 61 61
Atchafalpa 82 82 82
Atlantic Gulf 100 100 100
Baldwin Loco. 74 74 74
Baltimore & Ohio 52 51 51
Bethlehem Steel 71 70 71
Butte Sup. Mining 19 19 19
Brooklyn Transit 39 38 39
Canadian Pacific 136 135 136
Central Leather 61 61 61
Crucible Steel 61 61 61
Crescent Steel 56 56 56
Chesapeake & Ohio 41 40 41
Chic. M. & St. P. 34 34 34
Chic. R. I. & Pac. 34 34 34
Colo. Fuel & Iron 35 34 35
Crescent Copper 35 34 35
Chino Copper 35 34 35
Cal. Petroleum 16 16 16
Chile Copper 15 15 15
Coca-Cola 35 35 35
Distillers Sec. 39 38 39
Erie 15 15 15
Do. 1st pref. 27 27 27
Gen. Electric 136 135 136
Goodrich (B. F.) 41 41 41
Gt. Nor. Ore 27 26 27
Granby 74 74 74
Gt. Northern, pref. 89 88 89
Hillside Loco. 12 12 12
Inspiration Cop. 28 28 28
Int'l Nickel 24 24 24
Int'l Marine 24 24 24
Illino. Cent. 94 94 94
Illino. Steel 31 31 31
Kan. City Southern 16 16 16
Lehigh Valley 58 58 58
Lack. Steel 74 74 74
Lousville & N. 113 113 113
Midvale Steel 44 44 44
Mex. Petroleum 31 31 31
Miami Copper 30 30 30
Missouri Pacific 22 22 22
Mo. & Tex. 41 41 41
N. Y. N. T. & Hart. 27 27 27
New York Central 70 69 70
Norfolk & Western 102 102 102
Northern Pacific 84 84 84
N. Y. & Western 30 30 30
Nevada Cons. Copper 18 18 18
N. Y. Air Brake 124 124 124
Pennsylvania R. R. 44 44 44
People's Gas 43 43 43
Pressed Steel 81 81 81
Reading 81 81 81
Ray Steel Spring 50 50 50
Ray Cons. Mining 22 22 22
Republic Steel 74 74 74
Southern Pacific 84 84 84
Southern Ry. 22 22 22
Do. pref. 22 22 22
Studebaker Corp. 44 44 44
Sloss-Sheffield 144 142 142
The Texas Company 130 130 130
Union Pacific 130 130 130
Utah Copper 77 77 77
U. S. Ind. Alcohol 120 121 120
U. S. Rubber 32 32 32
U. S. Steel 30 30 30
Do. pref. 109 109 109
Virginia Chem. 39 39 39
Westinghouse 31 31 31
Wisconsin Cent. 30 30 30
Wabash R. R. "A" 41 40 41
Willy's Overland 17 17 17
Westinghouse Elec. 40 40 40
An. Fr. Loan 117 117 117
Gen. Motors 94 94 94
Tob. Prod. 49 49 49
U. S. Cigar Sto. 84 84 84
Cu. Cane Sugar 24 24 24

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 23.—Cash oats in fair demand during the early session at Friday's spreads. Later spreads widened half a cent on a number of grades and offerings were of fair volume. The demand for cash barley was good and cash flax was tight with spreads unchanged. Oats closed 12 lower for May and 22 lower for July. Barley closed 5 cents lower for May and July.

Oats—Open High Low Close
May 94 93 93 93
July 94 93 93 93
Barley—
May 179 179 178 178
Flax—
May 304 304 300 300
July 304 304 300 300
Cash prices: Oats—2 C. W. 95; 3 C. W. 94; extra 1 feed, 90; 1 feed, 89; 2 feed, 88.
Barley—3 C. W. 180; 4 C. W. 175; 5 feed, 175.
Flax—1 N. W. C. 387; 2 C. W. 382; 3 C. W. 385.

GRAINS AT CHICAGO CLOSED LOWER TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)
Chicago, March 23.—The grain market here acted in sympathy with the stock markets to-day and offerings were freer. The cash market took on a much easier tone. A loss of over three cents was recorded in the price of cash oats.

Corn—Open High Low Last
May 129 129 128 129
Oats—
March 91 91 89 89
May 87 87 85 85

NEW YORK BOND MARKET.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)
Anglo-Fr. 5 90 90
U. K. 5, 1918 98 98
U. K. 5, 1919 96 96
U. K. 5, sec. 4 1/2, 1920 94 94
U. K. 5, 1921 92 92
Ath. For Sec. 95 95
Fr. Gov. 5, 1921 125 125
Paris 6 85 85
Fr. Cities 5 85 85
Russ. Govt. 5, 1920 87 87
Russ. Govt. 5, 1925 87 87
Dom. Can. 5, 1919 96 96
Dom. Can. 5, 1921 94 94
Dom. Can. 5, 1923 91 91
Dom. Can. 5, 1925 92 92
Argentine Gov. 1920 85 85
Dom. Can. 5, 1927 90 90
Fr. Republic 5 90 90

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The Equinox Season Is Here

When the weather is liable to cut up all kinds of "didos"—But Victoria is exempt, so the Contest Candidates will be able to continue their rapid pace

Notice the high vote! Almost 200,000 to the credit of the leader to-day. All going at a very lively pace, and there is no way to tell anything about the outcome. There are no doubt many people in Victoria who believe they know who will win. Probably the contest manager is about the only person who don't know. Believe us or not, but it is our opinion that the work done the next fourteen days will be the deciding factor. It seems to us that it would be quite unsafe for any candidate to stop now and believe the best prize was safely tucked away. However, none of the candidates in this contest have the least idea of letting up in their work. Below is the standing of the candidates, according to the votes handed in for publication up to last evening. Next week votes will be added daily, as the interest will be greater as the close draws nearer and nearer:
Thomas Spencer, General Delivery, City 141,010
Thos. C. Sorby, 429 Quebec Street 159,240
H. L. Hopkins, 3171 Mars Street 168,100
P. A. Goodwin, 941 King's Road 182,765
Miss Dorothy Kirk, "Kirby," Esquimalt Road 199,990
Mrs. M. A. Horner, Suite C, Parkway Apartments 173,005
Special Phone 5768
THE CONTEST CLOSING MONDAY, APRIL 8

14 More Days Of the Contest

14—Saturday, March 23
13—Monday, March 25
12—Tuesday, March 26
11—Wednesday, March 27
10—Thursday, March 28
9—Friday, March 29
8—Saturday, March 30
7—Monday, April 1
6—Tuesday, April 2
5—Wednesday, April 3
4—Thursday, April 4
3—Friday, April 5
2—Saturday, April 6
1—Monday, April 8
The Last Day

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9.30, 10.30, 1.30, 2.30, 4.30, 5.30, 7.30,
10.30.
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9.35, 10.35, 12.35, 2.35, 4.35, 5.35, 7.35,
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The Conservatory's Examiner
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conduct examinations in British
Columbia during June, definite
dates for the various centres to
be decided upon after May 1st,
by which date applications from
all points west of Ontario must
have reached the Registrar.
Theory Examinations for all
Canada June 19, 20 and 21.

Mortgage Sale

Under and by virtue of a chattel mort-
gage to me delivered, I have seized and
taken possession of the goods and
chattels therein mentioned, "granitor"
being one Arthur F. Mitchell, 724 Johnston
Street, Victoria, Blacksmith and Carriage
Builder. I shall offer same for sale by
public auction on the 27th day of March
at 3 p.m. the following articles, in part:
Two anvils, three vises, sewing
machine, chain fall, two Ford bodies, one
limousine body, band saw, complete,
three sledges, drill and drills, shrinker,
all wood stock, all iron stock, two
fire blowers, plate in basement, plate
engines, emery wheel and frame,
rubber tire machine, rubber in stock,
all new and second-hand wheels,
40 swinding tools and headers, 25 pair
tongues, two sets of dies, one pair new
and one pair second-hand shafts, two tire
irons, shafting, pulleys and belting and
hangers, 5 h.p. electric motor.
A. E. MITCHELL, Bailiff.

RED CROSS WORK

James Bay Branch.
The regular committee meeting will
be held Thursday, March 28, at 8 p.m.,
at which all members are urged to at-
tend. The convener would be very
grateful if someone would donate a rug
for the Red Cross rooms.
The donations for the week are as
follows: Three dollies, Mrs. (Dr.)
Milne; one pair socks, Mrs. W. J. Pen-
dray; fancy bag, Mrs. Pawson; various
articles, Mrs. Worlock; cushion covers,
Mrs. W. G. Dickenson; tea set, Mrs. W.
Broderick; chocolate set, Mrs. R. T.
MacKay; pencil etc., Mrs. Michlin; one
box of cigars, Mrs. (Capt.) Butler; ex-
pressage, Mr. Kare.

ALLEGED FUGITIVE OFFENDER CHARGED IN POLICE COURT

New Zealand Case Comes Be-
fore Magistrate Jay; Ac-
cused is Remanded

HABEAS CORPUS TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

Under the Fugitive Offenders' Act
John C. Harrison, of Wellington, New
Zealand, was brought up this morning
before Magistrate Jay. He was
arrested by the Provincial Police on the
arrival of the Canadian-Austral-
asian liner Niagara on Thursday even-
ing and after examination by the im-
migration authorities was turned over to
the custody of the Chief of Police.

He now appeared by virtue of a war-
rant issued under Section 5 of the Act
giving a magistrate power in the New
Zealand case to issue a provisional warrant for
the apprehension of a fugitive. The charge
was that at Wellington, New Zealand,
on January 30, he had by false pre-
tences obtained from Smith and Wood-
man the sum of £434.66, with the in-
tention to defraud.

W. H. Bullock Webster appeared for
the Government of New Zealand and
William C. Moresby for the defence.
Arrested by Cable.
Mr. Bullock Webster stated that the
arrest had been made on cable instructions
from Wellington and he asked
for a remand pending the receipt of
further instructions from the New Zea-
land police.

Mr. Moresby submitted that while a
man might be arrested within Canada
on telegraphic advices, it was not pos-
sible to do so on a cable message from
a point outside the country. Mr.
Moresby submitted there had been an
attempt to mislead everybody, because
the man was arrested here, and turned
over to the city jail on the authority
of Dr. G. L. Milne, Dominion Immigration
Agent, on the ground of being an
undesirable. In accordance with a let-
ter received by the Chief of Police from
Dr. Milne, statements of the officers of
the steamer that he was a
man escaping from arrest has been
accepted as sufficient ground that the
man was an undesirable. Habeas cor-
pus proceedings would be taken on
Monday.

Money for Defence.
The Magistrate ruled, when asked
further as to the expenditure of certain
money taken from the accused, and
lodged with the jailer, that he acted
in his capacity as Stipendiary Magis-
trate for the County of Victoria and
he doubted his authority over officers
of the city jail. However, after hear-
ing argument from counsel, who agreed
that prisoner was entitled to have the
means to pay for his defence, the
Magistrate made an order that the
sum of £45 should be detained and the
prisoner recover control of the balance
of £434.66 in his possession when appre-
hended.

City Prosecutor Harrison, on behalf
of the city police, agreed that the
money was held for the man's own se-
curity and he would not resist the
payment requested.

In remanding accused for a week,
which might be raised with regard to
the provisional warrant could be taken
up in habeas corpus proceedings.

HAIR TURNS WHITE THROUGH SUFFERING

A soldier's diary, kept up to the hour
of battle in which he is reported
killed, has much to do with the de-
velopment of the plot in "Rose of the
World," the Artcraft photoplay, which
will be shown at the Royal Victoria
Theatre for the last time to-night.
Elsie Ferguson, noted for her
beauty and emotional acting, plays
the part of Rosamond, the heroine of
the piece. Rosamond is happily mar-
ried to Capt. Harry English, and after
his reported death in battle she mar-
ries the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Ar-
thur Gerardine. Life with Sir Arthur,
who is old, fat and concited, proves
a marked contrast to that with Capt.
Harry. She receives the personal ef-
fects of the dashing captain, including
his diary, kept up to the hour of bat-
tle, in which he tells of his love for
his beautiful wife. These tender mes-
sages—practically coming from the
world beyond—bring to Rosamond a
realization of her love for her first
husband, and life with Sir Arthur be-
comes unbearable.

The domestic tangle becomes so
acute that Sir Arthur sends for a
specialist, believing his wife has lost
her mind completely. Rosamond final-
ly finds happiness, though her hair has
turned white through the suffering
she has undergone.

TO RELIEVE CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES

If you have Catarrhal Deafness
or head noises go to your druggist
and get 1 ounce of Parmit (double
strength), and add to it hot water
and just a little sugar as directed
in each package. Take 1 table-
spoonful four times a day.
This will often bring quick relief
from the distressing head noises.
Clogged nostrils should be open,
breathing become easy and the
mucus stop dropping into the
throat. It is easy to prepare, costs
little and is pleasant to take. Any
one who has Catarrhal Deafness or
head noises should give this
prescription a trial.

FIFTY-FIVE OVERSEAS MEN ARRIVED TO-DAY

First Contingent "Originals"
on Furlough Are Delayed
by Land Slide

Among the fifty-five returned men
who reached the city this afternoon
by no means ended the troubles of the
farmer in respect of these very valu-
able commodities. For some weeks
past there has been a steady stream
of complaints of inability to obtain
supplies on the part of many farmers
in various sections of the Province.
With that state of affairs increasingly
insistent the Deputy Minister of Agri-
culture took the matter up with the
representatives of the Canada Food
Board in Winnipeg, under whose direct
jurisdiction western distribution comes,
asking that he make inquiry of the
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Following an investigation into the
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from three of the largest prairie mill-
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stock raiser and farmer may contribute
to a greater growth of the necessary
feeds on his own farm. That still
greater efforts along these lines will
be essential the Deputy Minister has
not the slightest hesitation in saying.

Calgary, March 22.—Three trainloads
of veterans who included a number of
British Columbia men arrived in Cal-
gary during last night. After a brief
wait all the trains proceeded west.
They left Calgary at approximately 8
p.m. and 1 and 5 a.m.

PASSED THROUGH CITY Hon. E. Lucas, New Agent-General of South Australia, Was Here on Thursday.

Hon. E. Lucas, the new Agent-Gen-
eral for South Australia, who passed
through Victoria on Thursday evening
to take up his appointment in London
in succession to Sir Frederick Young,
was tendered a complimentary dinner
on leaving Adelaide. The Premier (Hon.
A. H. Peake) presided, and among the
speakers were Sir Richard Butler and
Hon. J. G. Bice, two members of the
Government.

Mr. Lucas, in reply, said after
eighteen years of Parliamentary ser-
vice in the Legislative Council, he
closed his career with a warm feeling
of appreciation of the compliments
paid him by his fellow-members. He
was not a pessimist, Australia was
piling up a big debt, and a big interest
bill, in consequence of the war, but he
was convinced there were two portions
of the British Empire which would
come out better than any other parts
of the world. They were Canada and
Australia. When the war was over
those countries would be able to sell
their commodities for double the prices
they brought before the war period,
and they would thereby obtain an
equanimity on the double load of tax-
ation, for the position would be just
as good as it was before. All the same,
the best judgment of the best men
would be required to conduct the busi-
ness affairs of the Empire, just as the
best judgment of the best men was
necessary to see the war through, to a
successful end. He believed the time
was not far distant when all the com-
ponent parts of the Empire would have
their representatives sitting in a
mother Parliament at Westminster;
and so far as he was able he would
assist to bring that about. On behalf
of the members of the Legislative
Council, the Hon. D. J. Gordon pre-
sented the guest with a dressing case.

TWELVE TRACTORS Canada Food Board Plan Gaining Fa- vor in British Columbia, Says Mr. Seatt.

Twelve British Columbia farmers
have so far availed themselves of the
facilities placed at the disposal of the
Canada Food Board for the acquisition
of one thousand tractors at the nomi-
nal figure of \$750 each, f.o.b. Dearborn,
Mich.
It will be recalled from the previous
reference in these columns that the
Food Board has placed an order for one
thousand tractors and have taken an
option on a second thousand, the size
of the order enabling the Board to
strike so low a price in the interests of
increased production. The first sup-
ply from the factory is due on April 1
and will continue thereafter at the rate
of twenty-five per day until the whole
consignment has been delivered.
Arrangements have been completed
with all the Provincial Governments of
the Dominion to accept orders from
farmers of the respective provinces at
the figure named above. It is to be
understood, however, that shipments
will follow on the first come first serve
principle, so that those desiring to
benefit by the plan and wishing for
speedy delivery should order at once
at the Provincial Department of Agri-
culture.

BRAN AND SHORTS AGAIN AT PREMIUM

Doubtful If Output Will Supply
Demand, Province
Gets Share

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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Thomas Hol-
lins took place yesterday afternoon
from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral
Company at 2.30, the Rev. Dr. Camp-
bell officiating at the services. There
was a large attendance and the mili-
tary detachment was under Lieut. S.
H. de Carteret. The Fifth Regiment
band headed the funeral cortege to the
cemetery, where a squad fired the
salute of three volleys over the grave
of their departed comrade, after which
the bugle sounded the "Last Post."
The deceased was formerly a bugler in
the 50th Regiment. The pall-
bearers were: Gns. Miles, Coates,
Craske and Goodwin, all of the Fifth
Regiment, C. G. A.

The funeral of the late Alfred John
Steele, the fourteen-year-old son of
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steele, 1841
Chestnut Avenue, took place from the
residence this morning at 9.30. At 9
o'clock services were held at the
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, low
mass and requiem being solemnized
by Rev. Father Buckley. The hymn
sung was "Nearer, My God to Thee."
and "Mother, Dearest Mother." A
number of the deceased's schoolmates
were in attendance, and the coffin was
hidden under a wealth of floral trib-
utes. The pallbearers were: Earl Car-
lin, Lawrence Westendale, Clifford
Geiger, Brian Noary, W. Delahanty
and Edgar Wynn. Interment was at
Ross Bay Cemetery.

ESQUIMALT PRODUCERS

Committee is Selling Seed and Fer-
tilizer to Cultivators.

The Greater Production Committee,
of Esquimalt Municipality, has now on
hand about one and one-half tons of
potatoes, and about three-fourths ton
of whole guano for distribution to va-
cant lot cultivators in that municipali-
ty.

The potatoes will be sold at \$1.75
per sack cash when removed; ninety
cents per sack will be refunded when
evidence is apparent of their having
been planted on the lot or lots de-
scribed in the application.

The fertilizer will be sold at \$2 per
sack of eighty pounds cash when re-
moved. Smaller quantities will be
sold at four cents per pound in not
less than ten pound parcels. From
twenty-five to thirty-five pounds is re-
quired for each lot.

Delivery of the above will be made
at the residence of J. T. L. Meyer, 1184
Esquimalt Road, from whom further
information can be obtained.

THE ONLY MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Once a mother has used Baby's Own
Tablets for her little ones she will use
nothing else. They use teaches her
they are absolutely safe; that they
never fail to give relief and that the
little ones do not dread taking them as
they do castor oil and other harsh pur-
gatives. Concerning the Tablets Mrs.
John M. Weaver, Blenheim, N. B.,
says: "I have used Baby's Own Ta-
blets for the past ten years and have
found them so good I always keep a
box in the house." The Tablets are
sold by medicine dealers or by mail at
25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams
Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FAMOUS ENGINEER CALLED BY DEATH

Sir Collingwood Schreiber,
Well-Known Railway Au-
thority, Passes Away

Ottawa, March 22.—Sir Collingwood
Schreiber, general consulting engineer
for the Dominion Government, died
this morning at the age of eighty-one
years. Lady Schreiber and her two
daughters, Mrs. Travers Lewis and
Mrs. Lawrence Lamb, of Ottawa, sur-
vive.

Sir Collingwood Schreiber, who was
born December 14, 1831, was a son of
Rev. Thomas Schreiber, rector of Brad-
well, Essex, England. Educated in
England, he came to Canada in 1852,
and held many important positions.
He was assistant engineer of the Ham-
ilton and Toronto Railway from 1852
to 1856; superintending engineer for the
construction of the Toronto, Esplanade
from 1856 to 1860, associated with the
Toronto firm of Fleming, Ridout &
Sons, and for the next four years was
with the Northern Railway of Canada.
He then went to the Intercolonial Rail-
way as Divisional Engineer in charge
of surveys and later was superintend-
ing engineer on the Eastern Extension
Railway in New Brunswick.

From Assistant Chief Engineer with
the Intercolonial Railway, which po-
sition he held three years, Mr. Schreiber
was made engineer-in-chief for Do-
minion Government Railways in 1873,
to which was later added the position
of Chief Engineer for the C. P. R. In
1893 he became Deputy Minister of Rail-
ways and Canals in the Dominion Gov-
ernment and in 1905 he was appointed
General Consulting Engineer to the
Dominion Government and Chief Engi-
neer on the Western Division of the
National Transcontinental Railway.

Recognition of his services to the
country was first made in 1883, when
the title C. M. G. was given him, and
this was followed in 1916 by the K. C.
M.G.

He was twice married. Lady
Schreiber being the youngest daughter
of the late Hon. Justice Gwynne, of the
Supreme Court of Canada.

NATIONAL DEFENCE BUREAU ORGANIZED

Vancouver, March 22.—A National
Defence Bureau of the Industrial
Union of B. C. was organized at a meet-
ing here last night. The aims of the
bureau are to assist national develop-
ment and civic progress in every way.
Brief addresses were delivered by
Major-Gen. Leckie and Lieut.-Col. Duff
Stewart.

D. H. Whitaker, in an address on
the returned soldiers' problem, out-
lined a scheme which he believed
would prove of value. Mr. Whitaker
is a man who has had a broad experi-
ence in big contracting work in Lon-
don, England, and in British Columbia.
He suggested the formation of a Re-
turned Soldiers' Construction & En-
gineering Company for the purpose of
providing work for many of the men
it would take contracts on a percent-
age basis, giving first choice to return-
ed soldiers and taking rejected volun-
teers or relatives of soldiers as the
supply of men was taken up. Men not
qualified could be taught different
crafts.

He suggested further that profits of
contracts be put in a reserve fund
which could later be used to teach
trades to the children of soldiers who
had died in service. In addition he
suggested that the Government or city
grant, sell or lease a plot of ground
for the homes of soldiers, each family
being given sufficient ground to have a
reasonable garden. The administration
of the undertaking would be in the
hands of the men and skilled directors
or managers, as jobs required, and
preference in employment would be
given to men in the districts where
contracts were obtained.

ROUMANIANS WILL HAVE AN ELECTION

Jaany, Roumania, March 21.—The news-
papers here announce that the Rou-
manian Parliament is to be dissolved and
that a new election has been ordered.

JUST ARRIVED

Twenty-Seven Victorians Arrived at
Halifax, March 21.

The Provincial Returned Soldiers'
Commission have been advised by
telegram that the following party of
men arrived at Halifax on March 21
and have been sent to Quebec for sub-
sequent disposal:

For Victoria there are: C. Boldry,
Coach and Horses, Esquimalt; Sgt.
Brashier, 3333 Whittier Avenue, May-
wood; R. Gorden, Coach and Horses,
Esquimalt; E. M. Cameron, 960 Hay-
wood Avenue; R. Dugan, 303 Bank
Street; A. Davies, 153 Olive Street; G.
E. Deaking, Suite 2, Wick Building, Oak
Bay; R. Garrett, 633 Nelson Street, Es-
quimalt; W. A. Gallop, 3 Nelson
Street, Esquimalt; P. E. Hale, Lake
Hill P. O.; W. J. Hatch, 2514 Prior
Street; S. Hollett, Thorburn P. O.; R.
Harrop, 1561 Pembroke Street; F. W.
Harding, 274 Superior Street; W.
Kelly, Northern Hotel; M. D. Madeley,
421 Parry Street; J. L. McIntyre, 427
Linden Avenue; H. Oord, 2555 Price
Street; H. Pottinger, 746 King's Road;
R. Richman, Beaumont P. O.; J. Roy,
2615 Forbes Street; J. Roberts, 2632
Blanchard Street; W. G. Stone, 1125
Burdette Avenue; A. Stevens, James
Bay Hotel; C. Winterfield, 1261 Lyall
Street; J. Webb, 580 Walker Street; G.
K. Howard, General Delivery.



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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 23, 1893.

An Injunction has been served on the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone
Company to prevent the company erecting poles in front of Hon. Amor De
Cosmos's property on Government and Cormorant Streets.

The annual meeting of the officers of the British Columbia Brigade Gar-
rison Artillery will be held this evening at Capt. Quinlan's office, Five Sis-
ters' block.

Reports are coming in to the city of the large amount of whisky being
distributed by American boats on the west coast. An investigation will be
held.

THE BUDGET

Next Big Business of the Legislature
Scarcely Likely Before
Easter Recess.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 22.
So far as can be gleaned at the mo-
ment there is very little likelihood that
the Budget will be in readiness for
presentation to the House before the
Easter recess.

Should the final details permit, how-
ever, it might be formally introduced
on Thursday and debate thereon ad-
journing until the following Tuesday,
since the House will rise after Thurs-
day's sitting for the holidays.

Night sittings are expected to com-
mence with the budget debate and
continue until the work of the present
session is completed.

There is still a considerable amount
of new legislation to be brought down,
the major portion of which will doubt-
less play second fiddle to the budget.

PROPOSED CADET DAY

Plan is in Hand for Making an An-
nual Demonstration of
School Corps.

Subject to the approval of the City
School Board at its next meeting, a
plan is in hand following consultation
with the Superintendent of Education,
for the establishment of a Cadet Day
in the Victoria schools annually in the
first week of May.

The proposal is to hold a review,
field sports, etc., at the Royal Athletic
park, on the most suitable date nearest
to the opening day of the month of
May, at which the cadets of the city,
who now number over a thousand
strong, could have an opportunity of

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a strong tendency to bring out freck-
les, and as a result more othine is sold
in this month. Be sure to ask for the
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fails to remove the freckles.

SATURDAY'S BARGAINS

"Canada's Best" Flour Sack	\$2.90
Royal Baking Powder 1/2-lb. tin	25c
Eggo Baking Powder 1-lb. tin	25c
Del Monte Tomato Catsup Bottle	25c
Local Fresh Eggs Dozen (not delivered)	45c
Soya Beans 3 lbs.	25c
Sweet Potatoes Tin	15c
Fancy Ripe Olives Large tin	35c
Clark's Roast Turkey Tin	25c
Pressed Pigs' Feet Tin	25c

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SALE NO. 1411

Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.

Duly instructed by C. D. Hobbs, Esq., who is leaving for Vancouver, will sell by Public Auction at his Residence, 543 Niagara Street, on

Tuesday, March 26

at 2 o'clock sharp, a quantity of his

Household Furniture and Effects

Including: Carved Mahogany Drawing Room Suite, up in Silk Tapestry; Chesterfield Settee, with loose cover; Library Table, Grass Chair, Oak Arm Chair, Oak Tables, Window Curtains, Axminster Carpets, "Crest" Rug, Hearth Rugs, Ex. Table, set of Dinners, Buffet, Folding Card Table, Electric Fixtures, 2 Mission Oak Standard Chairs, Type with Desk, Portier Curtains, small McClary Cook Stove, Cooking Utensils, Kitchen Table and Chairs, Child's High Chair, Child's Grass Chair, Crockery, Glassware, Teas and Board, Carpet, Sweepers, Toys, English Perambulator, Stair Carpet, Brass Bed and Mattresses, White En. ditto, Oak Bureau and Washstand, 3 ft. Wardrobe, Bedroom Chairs, White En. Bedroom Suite, Blinds, El. Heater, Matting, Household Linen, Pillows, etc.

On view morning of sale.

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REV. J. G. INKSTER

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST will be the mighty theme which Mr. Inkster will discuss in First Presbyterian Church to-morrow night. This is the second sermon in a short series on "Things To Come." He will consider the TIME, the CONDITIONS and the PURPOSE of our Lord's coming.

The announcement of this series and the sermon last Sunday on "THE GREAT TRIBULATION" has already aroused much interest. Come early.

ARTHUR HEMINGWAY

Instructed, will sell by public auction, at J. Silver's, Craigflower Road,

Monday, March 25

at 2 p.m.

Twenty-Five Head of Choice Dairy and Family Cows and Heifers

Several just fresh with calf at foot, others due to calve, also a few good beef cows. There are some very good young Jerseys in this sale especially suitable for first-class family cows. Take Gorge car to corner of Tuilum Road, then seven minutes' walk on Craigflower. Further particulars, apply, Auctioneer.

ARTHUR HEMINGWAY,

City Market Auction.

Phone 2480.

SALE NO. 1412.

Preliminary Notice

Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.

Duly instructed by William Harrison, Esq., will sell by Public Auction, at his residence, 1226 Pandora Street, between Camosun and Chambers Street, on

Wednesday, March 27

at 2 o'clock, the whole of his

Household Furniture and Effects

Particulars later.

The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams,

410 and 411 Sayward Building.

An Irish gentleman was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in London:

"Dear Father, I am in a deuce of a hole. Kindly send me £10, and oblige—Your loving son, Pat."

"P. S.—After writing this letter I was so stricken with remorse that I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I can only pray that it will not reach you."

But who could be more astounded than the son when he received this reply:

"Dear Son, Your prayers are answered. The letter did not reach me—Father."

ALDERMEN LISTEN TO SUGGESTIONS AMENDING BILL

Civic Retrenchment Association Presents Modifications of Proposed Legislation

Before a special meeting of the City Council yesterday, called to hear opinions on the City of Victoria Relief Act, various views were put forward yesterday.

Some considerable time was spent in determining the procedure. President J. H. A. Chapman, and J. Keith Wilson, of the Civic Retrenchment Association, wanted to have a resolution adopted which would modify materially the situation and make unnecessary a large part of the bill.

Ex-Alderman Bannerman stated that the Civic Retrenchment Association was divided in opinion and had decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Council, so that all views might be aired.

Presents Case.

Eventually the Council agreed to leave the Chapman-Wilson resolution in abeyance until the draft of proposed amendments of the Retrenchment Association had been submitted. This draft was presented by David Leeming, and various speakers fully argued the points indicated.

Before doing this, however, Alderman Walker put a pointed query to the deputation, whether, in the event of the Council reaching a satisfactory adjustment, there would be a mutual undertaking not to oppose the bill further before the Private Bills Committee?

No one was ready to give such a sweeping undertaking.

The points raised in the amendment submitted by the Association dealt with application of the War Relief Act, the character of the men chosen as commissioners under the bill, power of redemption, and similar matters. Mr. Leeming denied that there was any quarrel with the main principles of the bill.

Mr. Bannerman strongly opposed the withdrawal of the power of appeal, except to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, as being a denial of the common right of access to the courts. His long experience in Victoria had shown him that there was no general desire for litigation, but occasionally access to the courts must be given, and his denial was absolutely unjust.

Would Be Endless.

The City Solicitor declared that the grant of the right of appeal to the courts would delay action in the readjustment planned, and as these adjustments must precede the tax sale, there would otherwise be no tax sale in 1918. The bill aimed at a settlement, not at litigation, he asserted.

In answer to a further question Mr. Hannington said the tax sale clauses were borrowed from the proposed part VIII. of the new Municipal Act.

The Referendum.

A long discussion ensued on the question of submitting the local improvement adjustment to the electors by plebiscite, in view of the general expectation that some portion of the margin between actual cost and estimated cost of by-laws will have to be carried out of revenue.

E. H. Anderson asked some questions with regard to the character of the powers of the Local Improvement Commission. He was satisfied that the effect would be that the owners would be forced.

Alderman Porter, the chairman, told him to be respectful, and Mr. Anderson replied that for two years he had been trying to get an answer. The appointment of the Commissioners was an effort to evade the Council's proper responsibilities, he alleged.

F. Landsberg favored a more liberal treatment for delinquents, so that the situation could be adjusted a year after the conclusion of peace, interest being paid meanwhile.

From the Board of Trade there were present J. J. Shallocross, A. R. Wolfenden and F. B. Pemberton. The delegation from the Civic Retrenchment Association included President J. H. A. Chapman, David Leeming, J. Keith Wilson, Thomas Shotbolt, A. E. Haynes, L. W. Toms, W. H. Douglas, A. M. Bannerman and F. Landsberg.

Mr. Chapman said his remarks before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature on Thursday had been misinterpreted. He asserted that there was no element of antagonism in his attitude. He wanted to see the bill go through—with amendments.

Mr. Shallocross, leader of the Board of Trade deputation, accepted this explanation.

VAIN REGRETS.

"Where have you been to-night?" she asked, bitterly, as he sauntered in about eleven o'clock. "Was it business again this evening?"

He made no reply, but sat down to the cold supper that was on the table.

"Ah, the difference in a short time," she went on. "I have been trying to sooth myself to-night by reading some of your love-letters. Here is one, before we were married; in this you say that you feel as if you could eat me. Oh, the affection, the passionate love expressed by those words. It is one month after marriage," she continued, beginning to weep pearly tears and to sob like the throbs of a steamboat engine, "only one month after marriage, and now—"

"I wish to goodness I had," mumbled the unfeeling brute, with his mouth full of ham.

CHAPMAN PLAN TO MEET DELINQUENCY

Council Received Yet Another Scheme to Meet Situation

A plan to deal with tax delinquency was filed yesterday with the City Council committee by J. Howard A. Chapman. It was tabled, however, until Monday. It is as follows:

1. That the owner of any parcel of land may pay arrears of taxes for the year or years a tax sale is to be held for, and avoid such sale.

2. That all arrears of taxes up to December 31, 1917, shall be individually consolidated, that the delinquent taxpayer shall be given the privilege of allowing the principal sum of such delinquency, to remain in abeyance for a period not exceeding ten years provided he shall conform to the following:

(a) That all current taxes upon such property with interest to date upon the capital arrears shall be paid at maturity upon the capital arrears as an inducement he shall receive the sixth rebate with the interest charges reduced to six per cent, upon all arrears which shall at the time be paid.

(b) That failure to meet the interest at maturity upon the capital arrears shall cause the property to be put up for sale at the next tax sale.

(c) That all current taxes upon such property with interest to date upon the capital arrears shall be paid at maturity upon the capital arrears as an inducement he shall receive the sixth rebate with the interest charges reduced to six per cent, upon all arrears which shall at the time be paid.

(d) If during the year 1918 the owner is only able to pay one or more years of his or her arrears as an inducement he shall receive the sixth rebate with the interest charges reduced to six per cent, upon all arrears which shall at the time be paid.

(e) Until the expiration of the ten years' term, viz: December 31, 1927. The rebate as at present established, or a penalty clause shall be maintained.

Assume Debt.

3. That the City shall assume the debt upon all local improvement expropriation charges throughout the City, excepting as hereinafter provided for, as between the estimated cost and the actual cost.

(a) That no property which has received a cash payment for expropriation shall be allowed to receive any benefit from this measure.

(b) That no property having received a cash payment on account of expropriations, shall forthwith be proceeded against for full recovery of all arrears due against the property.

Special Tax.

4. That a special tax—called "An Alleviation Tax"—shall be provided, and shall be applied only to the alleviation of the debt assumed by the City as under Clause 3.

(a) That a Frontage Tax be levied upon every assessed lot throughout the city, which shall have one charge only per front foot throughout the City, and such charge shall be estimated such as will pay the difference, as mentioned in Clause 3.

JOHN DEAN WRITES ON TAX QUESTION

Government Should Do Its Duty by Vancouver Island and City

A letter was read from John Dean to the City Council committee yesterday protesting against various features of the City of Victoria Relief Act. It ran as follows:

I am unable to attend, but wish to voice my protest.

1. Against the rushing through of this bill without the consent of the ratepayers or without provision for a referendum.

2. Against the appointment of commissioners.

3. Against the pressure of the Debenture holders, and in lieu thereof, it there has to be a bill.

1. That the title shall be "An Act to Facilitate the Collection of Taxes," for unless the Government give us a guarantee similar to that given in Vancouver, Chapter 79, copy of same herewith, present title is a slur on Victoria.

2. There is no need for commissioners, with all the expense, delay and dissatisfaction which will result, you will arrive at the same goal by adopting the assessment roll of 1911.

An Impossible Task.

3. Local improvement commissioners will be against an impossible task, viz., to "restore an equity" in some property that the nominal owners would give a bonus to someone to take off their hands.

The shuffling of the load in a most generous but unjust fashion can be done by a flat rate reduction of 50 per cent, on all unpaid local improvement taxes.

4. The extension of time for repayment of debentures should be general and for a long term, so as to be within reach of the humblest, with provision for commuting at any time, so that those who can may escape the necessarily increased cost of the Shylocks, there are two modes:

(a) The guarantee of the province, to which we are entitled to put us on a par with Vancouver and Mainland. The city of Victoria is a part of the credit of the province and is pledged with the rest for \$10,500,000 to Vancouver for \$500,000 a year interest on the Pacific Great Eastern, for millions for Canadian Northern, the latter, for

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—Curtains, Second Floor

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Were These Yours?

Another Laundry Charge.—In connection with the investigation of Chinese laundries, a charge against Ming Lee, of allowing clothes belonging to customers to be placed on his bed was called to-day and set over for subsequent hearing. The man has an office behind the laundry with bedroom attached and it will be alleged that clean clothes prior to being returned to customers are placed on his bed for marking.

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